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Editorial

DURING this past School Year we have lost Mr. Mairs, who, after many years' service as Mathematics Master, retired at the end of the Spring Term, and shall at the end of this term lose Mr. Anderson, the Senior Master, and Mr. Jones, who have been teaching Biology and History respectively for over 30 years at Slough. We sincerely hope that each enjoys a long and happy retirement.

This year's edition of *The Swan* conforms roughly to the pattern of its predecessors; one difference, however, is that for the first time it has been possible to print photographs (all taken, by the way, by David White of the Upper Sixth) of some of the teams which have so ably represented the School on the Sports field, and also of one or two of the many School activities. (For those who wonder why the Football Second Eleven is included, and not the Cricket and Hockey Second Elevens, it should be pointed out that the Footballers had an exceptionally good season, while the Hockey team had only a couple of games, and the Cricketers, at the time of going to press, are something of an unknown quantity.) It may well be possible to make the inclusion of such photographs a regular feature in future editions of *The Swan*.

It has been said that the Editor "makes" a magazine. This is not so. It is the contributors and, to a lesser extent, the readers who are responsible for the quality of any publication—even of our contemporary *The Times*!

About the work of the contributors I need mention little—that speaks for itself in the pages of this Magazine. I must, however, express my gratitude to all members of Staff and all boys who have so readily helped to make this Magazine what it is. I hope you will agree that their time has not been wasted. One point which may be noted is that a proportion of the contributions has been taken from Form Magazines; these institutions cannot be overpraised, if only for the fact that they give members of the School both confidence and practice in writing material which may well be suitable for inclusion in the School Magazine.

The other factor which influences the quality of the Magazine is you, the reader. I hope that you are satisfied that this is truly a Swan, and not merely an Ugly Duckling!

J. D. KILLIP

School Notes

MR. H. MAIRS was seriously ill during the Autumn Term and although he returned to us in January he felt obliged to resign from school work. At Easter we very reluctantly said goodbye to him, wishing him a happy retirement in Buckingham after his 21 years' service at Slough. We remember with gratitude the quality of his work with us.

During the Spring Term, Mr. W. A. Jones became very ill and had to spend a critical period in hospital. On medical advice he will not return to School but will commence his retirement as from September 1953. He has served 35 years in the School and he will be greatly missed from among us who owe him so very much. We all wish him restored health and a long and happy retirement.

At the end of the Summer Term the school also loses another veteran in Mr. T. Anderson, Senior Master and Senior Biologist. The School is immeasurably indebted to Mr. Anderson for his guardianship during the long and critical period of Mr. Clarke's illness. His leaving is at once a great loss and a challenge to us to maintain the high standards of his service. To him also we wish long and happy days.

Our appreciation and thanks go to Mr. L. Benenstock and Mr. R. Milton who have deputised in Mathematics and History for Mr. Mairs and Mr. Jones.

In September, 1952, Mr. H. Doncaster joined the Staff in place of Mr. S. Jarvis as Woodwork Master. Mr. Doncaster has since formed a Morris Dance Team that is already showing great promise under his expert training.

Monsieur R. Elk, who came to us from Paris for one year, quickly won a place in our appreciation and affection. He takes with him our sincere thanks and a hope that he will look back with pleasure on his stay here.

Once again team work triumphed in the Christmas production of Karel Capek's drama "R.U.R." Congratulations to Mr. Purvis, the producer, and to an excellent team of actors, scene shifters and effects men.

The School appreciated once again the kind invitation from Eton College to our Sixth Form Arts Group for the French play, *Les Précieuses Ridicules*, by Molière, performed by La Troupe Française.

In the Easter Term the Junior Dramatic Group, prepared by Mr. I. M. P. Millar, collaborated successfully with the newly re-formed Old Paludian Drama Section to present three short plays. Interludes were provided by Mr. Harries' musicians and Mr. Doncaster's Morris Dancers.

A School Careers Service, organized by Mr. L. J. Cave, commenced last July and is already making an important and valuable contribution to the School.

Once again, at Easter, the Lakeland Expedition took place under the leadership of Mr. A. D. Purvis and Mr. R. Mills. Especially gratifying are the experienced helpers from Old Paludians and the demand for places which exceeds hostel capacity.

Travel Week promises to be as enterprising as ever with the inclusion of new places for visits and the general principle that all journeys will be by privately chartered conveyances.

Mr. D. Luck repeated his Annual Gymnastic Display on Wednesday, June 10th, before an appreciative company of parents and friends.

Parties from the school attended performances of *Macbeth* by Donald Wolfitt's Company at Hammersmith.

In October and June, groups of German Grammar School teachers visited the School to study the English way of education.

The whole school welcomes modifications in school uniform by which the crest appears on blazer pockets and the Sixth Form has its own distinctive tie.

Yet another new society has appeared—the Geographical and Historical Society. Its members are enthusiasts and already have made a successful trip to Oxford to visit colleges.

In the Slough Schools Display on Friday, June 12th, the School was represented by Mr. Luck's senior gymnastic class and Mr. Doncaster's Morris Dance team.

On Wednesday, May 27th, Mr. Dawes, County Organizer of Music, brought his trio to School for a very interesting concert of classical music.

The much improved appearance of the school forecourt advertises Mr. Hunter's advent in April as School Groundsman. The end of the Summer Term will see the commencement of the first stage in the levelling and laying of the playing field and cricket table.

In March, Form 4a spent a most profitable week at Shortenalls to undertake a local survey that should serve as a standard for subsequent work of this nature.

Through the help of Mr. Hume, County Museum Officer, the School has been fortunate in having for display examples of French paintings with historical notes.

A Sixth Form Badminton Club has been active during most of the year.

Five members of our Sixth Form went to Paris at Easter for the third French Cultural Holiday Course. Unfortunately the normal exchange with Troyes broke down this year owing to difficulties on the French side. It is hoped to renew this reciprocal scheme next year.

The Civics Society is now flourishing on a voluntary basis. This and the Scientific and Music Societies have been able to organize joint meetings with the corresponding groups in the Girls' High School.

It was with deep sorrow the School received the news of the tragic and sudden death of Mr. E. R. Clarke on Thursday, February 19th, less than one year after he had relinquished the Headmastership of the School. Only the previous Friday he had visited the School and chatted happily with the Staff.

A Memorial Service at the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Slough, was conducted by the Rector on Sunday, March 8th, and was attended by prominent citizens, the Governors, Heads of Schools and past and present members of School and the Girls' High School. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all who held him dear.

Speech Day, 1952

OPENING THIS YEAR'S Speech Day the Chairman of the Governors, County Alderman Aubrey E. Ward, reminded parents, boys, and staff, that there is not enough room in the school for the present number of boys, and informed us that the school's Governors maintained a deep concern in this and in other school problems.

Following the hymn "Veni, Sancte Spiritus" sung by the school, came the Headmaster's report, in which Mr. Anderson was thanked for maintaining the standard of the school after Mr. Clarke's unfortunate resignation. Dr. Long then told us of the excellent results in the academic, sport and athletic fields, reminding us particularly of the visit by Terence Groome to Paris to compete in an international athletic match, and of Willé's performance in the mile. Reporting on various school activities ranging from National Savings to the Lake District visit, Dr. Long ended by asking parents to consider whether part-time jobs were really necessary, and urged them to ensure that the full amount of attention due was paid to school work.

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield was then introduced, and in presenting the prizes (a list of which presentations is given below) he expressed his pleasure in the report of the Headmaster. He told us of the necessity of forming a good strong character during the early days of our school-life, attributing his own success to his early training on board a sailing ship. He urged us to use the excellent opportunity afforded to us to train and discipline ourselves in order that we might be a credit and an asset to our country in its time of greatest need.

A vote of thanks to the Lord Chatfield was proposed by David Hamblen, the Head Boy, and was seconded by William S. Creighton, his deputy, who included also the Lady Chatfield and Alderman Ward, a great and lasting friend of the school.

The Lord Chatfield again rose, and, thanking the speakers for their kind remarks, congratulated them upon their splendid example to the school.

The evening was ended by a number of songs by the Junior school and the Four-Part Choir. The Junior School sang 'Billy Boy,' 'Blow the Man Down,' and 'Let Us Now Praise Famous Men,' their rendering of the Capstan Shanty 'Billy Boy' being particularly excellent. The Four-Part Choir sang 'Rolling Down to Rio,' the Madrigals 'What if I Never Speed' and 'Sleep Wayward Thoughts,' and 'Old Mother Hubbard' set in the manner of Handel. The National Anthem ended yet another annual Speech Day.

G.T.

AWARDS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st JULY, 1952

<i>Form</i>	
IIC	Ross, D. G. (1st in Form); Ralley, D. S. (2nd in Form); Thomas, W. (3rd in Form).
IIB	Hudson, A. (1st in Form); O'Dell, B. G. (2nd in Form); Hubbard, K. G. (3rd in Form).
IIA	Briggs, G. (1st in Form); Clements, P. W. (2nd in Form); Harding, D. E. (3rd in Form).
IIIC	Webb, A. F. (1st in Form); Flynn, M. (Physics); Wingrove, M. (Chemistry); Vaughan, R. T. (History); Adaway, P. J. (Progress).
IIIB	Naylor, J. A. (1st in Form); Bradford, B. (2nd in Form); Williams, G. R. (3rd in Form and Geography); Willis, J. D. (Progress).
IIIA	Wheeler, P. C. (1st in Form); Elstone, K. F. J. (2nd in Form); Bowers, R. (2nd in Form); Jones, J. A. (3rd in Form and History); Windle, D. (Progress).

IVC	Jupp, P. (1st in Form); Laing, R. J. (2nd in Form); Pither, B. (Maths. and Progress); Alder, J. E. (Geography).
IVB	York, R. M. (1st in Form); Young, J. O. (2nd in Form); Greenfield, R. A. (Maths. and Progress); Freeman, R. (French).
IVA	Morgan, J. (1st in Form); Ball, K. F. (2nd in Form); Hughes, J. F. (3rd in Form); Little, J. R. G. (French); Vockins, M. C. (Art).
L. VC	Humphries, R. G. (1st in Form); Penman, C. (2nd in Form); Bailey, P. (Art); Pritchard, D. A. (Progress); Millis, W. C. (Progress).
L. VB	Elliott, C. (1st in Form); White, A. (2nd in Form and Chemistry); Rayner, E. (History); Miles, D. (Mathematics); Hobbs, J. (Biology); Jones, D. M. (English); Burdon, D. (Art).
L. VA	Thurgood, M. (1st in Form); Glanville, L. (2nd in Form); Burden, P. (Chemistry, Geography and Progress); Simmons, I. G. (History); Wallner, E. (Latin); Mann, B. (History); Tulip, A. (Mathematics).
U. VA	Smethurst, C. (English); Isaacs, N. D. (French).
L. VI	Holness, S. F. (History), Cadets and Tuck Shop).

Upper Fifth Forms

Oxford General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level)

PRIZES:	Bartlett, C. W. (Mathematics, Six Subjects and 1st in Form); Gale, R. L. (History, Chemistry and Six Subjects and 2nd in Form); Gittens, G. J. (Chemistry and Eight Subjects and 1st in Form); Page, D. K. (Nine Subjects and 1st in Form); Esling, D. J. (Eight Subjects and 2nd in Form); Holmes, G. E. G. (Seven Subjects and 3rd in Form); Woodley, G. V. (French and 1st in Form); Ebbage, J. R. (History and 2nd in Form); Duncan, E. (History and 1st in Form).
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Certificates:

<i>Eight Subjects:</i>	Pomfret, D.
<i>Seven Subjects:</i>	Barney, G. C., Earley, R. A., Goldfine, L. J., Robinson, J.
<i>Six Subjects:</i>	Arnold, R. E., Burnett, D. N., Jackson, T. A., Monday, M. J., Morgan, W. A. F., Roylance, D. A., Saul, R. J.
<i>Five Subjects:</i>	Ackrell, B. A. C., Beenham, C. E., Cooper, D. J., Hancock, J. W., Hines, W. J. W., Lake, G., Moody, J. R. H.
<i>Four Subjects:</i>	Bleasdale, T., Cleveland, D., Brecknell, G. W. J., Climer, B. J., Colpitts, B., Ditchfield, J., Dunkerley, B., Gale, J. C. C., Witchell, G. R., Wallis, J.
<i>Three Subjects:</i>	Anderson, J. A., Clinch, B. F. A., Elwell, W. A. V., Ewen, D., Faulkner, R. E., Franklin, R. E., Hall, M., Hine, G. W., Nickless, B. J., Simpson, E. J., Smith, P. J., White, D. J.
<i>Two Subjects:</i>	Butler, G. C., Clark, W. F., Hannay, B. P., Harman, J. L., Hawkes, D. J. W., Horn, B. K., Wills, J. T.
<i>One Subject:</i>	Horner, A. J., Ludley, D., Neal, P. R., Smith, R. J.

Upper Sixth Form

Oxford General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level)

Prizes:

Bowers, D. N.	(Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level and awarded County Exhibition).
Day, R. E.	(Obtained Highest Mark in Physics).
Day, R. E.	(Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level, obtained Highest Mark in Mathematics and awarded County Exhibition).
Dickson, J. H.	(Obtained Highest Mark in English and awarded County Exhibition).

Esling, R. H. (Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level and awarded County Exhibition).
 Groome, T. W. S. (Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level, obtained Highest Mark in History).
 Hall, R. (Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level, awarded County Exhibition).
 Killip, J. (Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level, awarded County Exhibition).
 Leech, P. C. (Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level, awarded County Exhibition).
 Loring, W. C. (Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level).
 Mathias, B. (Obtained Highest Mark in Biology. Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level, awarded County Exhibition).
 Paesler, M. (Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level).
 Paesler, R. (Obtained Highest Mark in Chemistry and Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level).
 Ray, J. (Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level, awarded County Exhibition).
 Reader, D. (Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level, awarded County Exhibition).
 Robotham, R. (Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level).
 Turner, M. A. (Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level).
 Vandepier, H. (Obtained Highest Mark in Geography. Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level).
 Wells, D. (Obtained Highest Mark in French).
 Wells, D. (Obtained Highest Mark in Latin. Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level).
 Willé, R. W. (Passed in all Subjects taken at Advanced Level).

Certificates:

Abbott, D. J., Amos, V. E., Bateman, G. W., Creighton, W. S., Greenslade, D. C., Hamblen, W. F. D., Pearson, B. C., Peter, R. J., Spring, W. H., Turnbull, G., Warwick, B. J.

Special Prizes:

Headmaster's Prize	.....	Neale, R. A. (Head Boy)
The 'Ford' Cup	.....	Hamblen, W. F. D.
(For outstanding voluntary service to the School)		
Swimming Championship Challenge Cup	.....	Pulsford, B. H.
(Presented by County Alderman A. E. Ward)		
Old Paludians' House Shield	.....	Gray House
(For Games and Athletics)		
Library Services Prize	.....	Brecknell, G. W. J.

School Officials

School Captain: W. F. D. Hamblen

Vice-Captain: W. S. Creighton

Full prefects: D. N. Bowers, J. D. Killip, B. Mathias, R. W. Willé, G. W. J. Brecknell, W. A. V. Elwell, S. F. Holness, R. M. Johnson, D. J. White.

Sub-prefects: B. C. Pearson, M. J. Askew, J. Brooks, B. J. Climer, B. Colpitts, R. E. Faulkner, R. E. Franklin, R. Glanville, H. D. Grimwood, D. W. Harrison, I. Jones, J. Lewis, G. R. Murfitt, A. E. Phillips, W. J. Simmons, G. Thompson.

House Captains:

Gray: R. W. Willé	Hampden: J. Lewis
Herschel: S. F. Holness	Milton: R. L. Gale

Cricketer Captain: R. M. Johnson

Football Captain: R. L. Gale

Hockey Captain: G. R. Murfitt

Cross-Country and Athletics Captain: R. W. Willé

School Activities

Amateur Dramatic Society

AS HAS NOW become the custom the Slough Grammar School Amateur Dramatic Society presented its annual performance just before the end of the Christmas term. The play chosen this year was *R.U.R.*, by Karel Capek, which is, in the words of the producer, Mr. A. D. Purvis, "an almost unique and rarely performed play." Although written nearly thirty years ago, the setting is still somewhat "in the future."

R.U.R. stands for Rossum's Universal Robots, a company producing, on a remote island, robots at a phenomenal rate, since, says Jacob Berman, the Managing Director, "It is not the Company Directors who control production but the demand."

The robots who have to do all the labour for the human race are made so intelligent and in such great numbers that a revolution results. All the humans are wiped out: all, that is, except one, Alquist, the clerk of the works, who is spared because, old and hateful of progress, he has worked like a robot.

But the robots, even with their superhuman intellect, being sexless, find that they are unable to reproduce themselves since old Rossum's manuscript formulating their production has been burnt.

In the very moving last act Radius, the leader of the robots, appeals, begs, demands that Alquist should experiment and find out how to continue the robot race.

However Helena, a very beautiful robotess, and Primus, a robot, reveal, when Alquist decides he will dissect one of them in attempt to learn how to build more robots, that they have developed an affection for each other. These are the first of all the robots to become human: they are the second "Adam and Eve."

As Doctor Helman, the Psychologist of *R.U.R.*, Keith Ball gave an outstanding performance, acting naturally and without the slightest sign of uneasiness. Geoffrey Brecknell alias Harry Domain, the General Manager, exemplified the slight pomposity of a man of his position.

While the revolution developed, the tension was effectively illustrated by the frayed nerves and quick tempers of the humans at the factory, with a good portrayal of the fiery, scheming financial genius by Michael Askew.

Radius, the golden-helmeted robot leader was excitingly and robustly played by Ian Simmons while Anthony Bowers gave a flawless demonstration of the fickle naïveté of the young and beautiful robotess.

John Little, in the rôle of Helena Glory, a very difficult part, was quite effective in showing her frustration and mental agony after having burnt Rossum's manuscript. Her typically fussing old maidservant was comically played by Peter Jones.

I have purposely left till last any mention of the performance of William Creighton as Alquist, the last of the humans. His soliloquy in the last act was absolutely superb, overwhelming the audience with the flood of his regretful emotion.

Congratulations, I feel, must go to the boys and masters "behind the scenes": Mr. "Nick" Cave, on the stage with the sound-effects boys, the background pianist, the scene shifters and the electricians doing an excellent job: Mr. Wharmby, in the hall, with his ushers and programme-sellers giving good, quick service. Mr. Millar and Mr. Harris looked after the tickets and music while the scenery was built and painted under the direction of Mr. Doncaster and B. Mathias

Not even a robot could have worked harder.

ROGER GLANVILLE, U.V.I

Cadet Corps Notes

LAST SUMMER, camp was held at Park Camp, Lulworth, about one and a half miles from the cove, and about an equal distance from Weymouth and Bournemouth. The camp was administered by the R.A.C., whose School of Gunnery gave a demonstration of field firing which the cadets were allowed to attend. They also allowed us the use of their sports ground, where, on two sunny afternoons, the Officers v. Cadets cricket match and the County Athletic Meeting were held. The latter, preceded by a Drumhead Service, was the occasion of an at-home for about thirty parents and friends who came from Slough for the day. The Slough Battalion retained the County Trophy and competitors from the School Company won several events, including the 100 yds., 440 yds., 1 mile, javelin, shot, and long jump.

The Cadets were inspected by the General Officer Commanding Salisbury Plain District. Bathing at the cove was excellent. Coach trips were arranged to Weymouth. The weather was kind, and the general facilities of the hatted camp were good.

So far this year no examination has been held for Certificate 'A', and so we are unable to announce the successes in these notes. The new Wireless and Line Section is working well. There are now two meetings a week after school. The meeting on Wednesday is voluntary and is devoted to practice in handling wireless and line instruments. C.S.M. Holness, Sgt. Morgan, and L/c. Bell have all been to the Royal Corps of Signals Training Squadron at Bulford for a week's course and they all gained the qualification "classified" which entitles them to wear the Crossed Flags. This year, camp will be a tented camp at Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, near Aldershot, during the week before the August bank holiday, and our Signal Section has been given the job of providing some of the telephone communications there.

Lately the Corps has accepted ten recruits who look like making first-rate Cadets in time. On the other hand, we are sorry to be losing Sgt. Penman and Cadet Delaney at the end of this term. We thank them for their services to the School Corps and wish them well in their future careers.

During most of this past year six of our members have been representing Slough Army Cadet Force in the County Youth Organisations' 'Top of the Form' Quiz. They won all their matches, defeating the Aylesbury Sea Rangers in the final at High Wycombe. They then represented the county at Aylesbury against the Oxfordshire team provided by Banbury Baptists' Youth Fellowship, and won again. Now they are awaiting further opposition from the outcome of a match between Reading and Oxford City. C.S.M. Holness, Sgt. Morgan, Sgt. Penman, Cpl. Barnes, Cpl. Stroud, and Cadet Hanson have been the regular team, and in recognition of their efforts they are being given an evening out at the Royal Tournament Dress Rehearsal. Incidentally Sgt. Penman and Cadet Delaney are stalwart members of the Battalion Band which has been invited to play at this Rehearsal. As captain of the quiz team C.S.M. Holness well deserved his place on the Cadet Stand at the Victoria Memorial on June 2nd.

School Savings

DURING THE YEAR ending March 30, 1953, the total amount collected was £755; this was an increase of £342 on last year's total. We hope that next year's total will be even higher.

This year sees the end of the work Mr. W. A. Jones has done for the School Savings Group, as he is retiring. He started this work in 1918 in the original mixed Secondary School, and since that time he has been responsible for a savings total of £26,000. This service was recognised recently when the Mayor, on behalf of the Slough Savings Committee, presented him with a 35-years Long Service Badge.

Travel Week 1952

THE CONCEPTION of "Travel Week" goes back to 1947. After a persistent six years of useful life it has become a school institution and the culmination of Summer Term activities.

In 1952 it was again splendidly supported throughout the school and entered upon with interest and enthusiasm.

The traditional visits were repeated. The second forms visited Whipsnade and toured South Bucks. The rich experience of Old Sarum, Salisbury and Stonehenge came to the third forms. The fourth forms travelled to the White Horse Vale to see Wantage, Uffington Castle and The White Horse. The lower fifth forms responded joyfully to the visit to the Weald, though there may be a doubt to which aspect of the visit their joy was directed. Was it the geological formation of the Weald, the views at Beachy Head, or the walk along Brighton sea-front?

Visits were also made to Swindon and its locomotive works, Luton and the Vauxhall motor works, and St. Albans and its Roman remains.

The whole school joined in the London river visit. The journey to London by train was followed with a tour by boat along the Thames from Tower Bridge to Purfleet.

Apart from these major tours, fifty smaller visits were undertaken. Parties left each day to London—to Regents Park Zoological Gardens, Hampton Court Palace, Kew Gardens, South Kensington Museums, the Geffrye Museum, the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich, the House of Commons and the Barclays Bank Training Centre. We were particularly indebted to our M.P., Mr. Fenner Brockway, who showed personal pleasure and made a splendid effort to give a group of senior boys a fascinating glimpse of the House of Commons and its traditional atmosphere and working.

In addition, contact was made with local public utilities and administration and a representative range of industries of the immediate neighbourhood of Slough.

We are most grateful to the Town Hall Staff and to the many industrial concerns of our neighbourhood who opened their doors to us and did so much to present their activities so that we might understand and learn.

The Lake District, Easter 1953

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH. 49 boys and Old Boys, led by Mr. Purvis and Mr. Mills, set off by various means of transport, 41 for Keswick, 8 for Penrith. We arrived early in the evening and dinner was served at once.

Sunday, April 5th. The Penrith party, all of whom had had previous experience in the Lake District, led by Alan Carr and Jimmy James, ascended Cross Fell in Arctic weather and covered about 20 miles.

The Keswick party worked in groups under experienced leaders, and had some walks on the lower peaks around the town.

Monday, April 6th. The Penrith party visited Patterdale and Ullswater, while the Keswick group did very well in climbing Helvellyn, despite much snow and ice.

Tuesday, April 7th. On a fine day, the Penrithians visited Brougham Castle in the morning and travelled to Brigham in the afternoon to join the main party.

The Keswickians climbed Grisedale Pike. Eight boys of the Keswick party, led by John Heslop, went out to the Grange Youth Hostel to make room for the invasion from Penrith.

Wednesday, April 8th. Three parties ascended Great Gable in perfect weather. The most experienced party, after watching a demonstration of rock climbing on Kearn Knots by Mike Ford and Robin Day, climbed up by way of Hellgate Scree and, as recompense, had ham and eggs at Mrs. Bland's before returning to base in the "Bertmobile" or by motor-cycle.

A party of 21 unfortunates descended coal mines at Lowca, Whitehaven and Workington, and visited Cockermouth Castle in the afternoon.

Thursday, April 9th. 36 people went to Barrow-in-Furness. There we enjoyed visits to Furness Abbey, Walney Island, the Town Hall, and the shipyards of Messrs. Vickers-Armstrong Ltd.

The rest of the adventurers spent the day in climbing Scafell. Five of them managed to make it: John Brooks and four leaders. This is the first time Scafell has been climbed by a party from this School for several years.

Friday, April 10th. Most people spent the day in being hauled or climbing through the Doves' Nest and the Rats' Hole and in climbing Glaramara. There were also walks around the lake and, because of the fine weather, many good views were obtained. The party with John Heslop sadly returned from the luxury at Grange and a party went out to Higham, on Lake Bassenthwaite.

Saturday, April 11th. A day never to be forgotten by anybody. Nearly everyone went to Buttermere. We all congregated in front of the Fish Hotel at Buttermere Village, and Mr. Purvis explained that the "intention" was for one party "to climb over and have a look at Ennerdale," for another to climb Red Pike, and for two persons to set off for a walk around the Lake. We had just started when the heavens opened and rain, sleet, hail, and snow, driven by a fierce gale, were let loose upon us. By 3 o'clock two-thirds of the party, soaked to the skin, were back in the coach stripped of their wet clothes. At about 3.30, Mike Ford, Dave Harrison, and John Brooks arrived, having ascended Pillar in really dangerous conditions, and were hence the only party to reach its objective.

We all went quickly home, and showers, baths, and dry clothes were fast sought after. During the evening, a Bridge Drive was held and was won by Robin Day and Mr. Mills.

Sunday, April 12th. The weather was a complete contrast to that of Saturday, and boys went and did what they wanted, where they wanted.

Monday, April 13th. The Roman Wall trip was made by about thirty persons. Carlisle Cathedral, Castle, and Museum were visited, and then the party proceeded to Windshields and walked along the wall itself to Houseteads, a Roman Station on the wall. The return drive was very interesting, and good views of the Tyne Gorge were obtained. We stopped at Alston, the highest market town in England, for refreshments en route.

The other members of the party did the Grisedale - Causay Pike round.

Tuesday, April 14th. Most of the parties went by coach to Langdale and set off for Bow Fell and Scafell Pike. Again it was wet, but objectives were generally reached. The four geographers spent the day pottering around in the Langstrathe Valley and they were the only ones who got home in time to avoid the rain.

Wednesday, April 15th. The persons who had not been coal-mining did so while the others did Gable or played around in the Doves' Nest.

Thursday, April 16th. In the morning, Tom Wilson showed us around Crosthwaite Church. Then Mr. Purvis showed some slides in the afternoon, and Tom gave an illustrated talk in the evening.

Friday, April 17th. This day was spent in packing, as the weather was appalling. Some people visited the Druids' Circle at Castlerigg in the afternoon.

Saturday, April 18th. Everyone sorrowfully left for Slough, and we made a very good journey.

Our thanks for making the trip so successful must go to:

Mr. Purvis—for arranging it all.

Mr. Mills—for accompanying us.

Mr. and Mrs. T. MacCambridge—for giving us a home from home at the hostel.

"Mac"—our driver, who gave us 1,500 miles of excellent driving.

The Cumberland Education Committee.

The National Coal Board.

... and all those who helped to make the trip a success.

W. BRADSHAW, L.VI

A Coal Mine

THE SIX UNFORTUNATES clambered out of the coach, looked around, and hastily looked at the coach again. All hope of retreat cut off, we advanced cautiously towards an official of Haig Pit who had come to meet us. He was very friendly and in due course (about twenty minutes later) provided us with helmets and lamps in true miner style. Thus encumbered, we met our guide and the manager of the pit. (We were cheered up in his office by seeing a large drawer prominently labelled "Rescue Plans.") At the pithead we were searched for anything combustible, and then began the 1,200 feet drop to the 'main road.' The descent was like a very ungentle lift and ears popped frequently. At the bottom the 'Ride,' a cable-operated railway, was waiting, and we got in and waited. Suddenly we began to move, out of the lit area and into Stygian darkness. In the open trucks we hurtled, always downwards, into the darkness ahead. This went on for three miles, then stopped abruptly, and we began to walk down the roads, three miles under the sea, towards the coal face of Five West. This walk was hot, dusty, and very dirty. We banged our toes against railway trucks, glanced apprehensively at iron girders bent by the roof of solid rock, and talked in low voices, for fear the roof should collapse. At length we reached a conveyor system which carried coal backwards from the face. This appeared to have stuck and one miner was apparently trying to shift it by force of words alone. Had this been possible, the machine would have been 100 per cent. efficient! Ducking through sacking doors, meant to reduce ventilation so that dust would not be blown about, we crawled through on to the face where the scantily clad miners were using drills to excavate the coal. They were very keen to converse and the query of "weirfrum" was a common one. "Slough" seemed to puzzle them and one audacious miner suggested "Yon's further 'an Manchester then?" The fact that Slough was near London surprised him, and he returned to work with a contemplative "ooohah."

From the face we made our way back to the end of the line and looked at the ventilation fans which either blew in so many cubic feet of good air per minute or sucked out an equal amount of foul air. By switching off our lamps and our guide turning down the little flame of his safety lamp we could see the tell-tale triangle of blue above the yellow flame. This indicated that there was methane or "fire-damp" in the air. Passing through several airlocks we again came to the train terminus where we boarded the next train to comparative safety. There was no driver present for the train; the miners again tried to move it by words alone (which was not successful), but eventually succeeded in producing a driver.

Back at the pithead we cleaned up a little and emerged into glorious sunlight—six beautiful, dark, flashing-eyed Italians.

I. G. SIMMONS, U.V.A

Badminton Club

Captain: G. W. J. Brecknell; Vice-Captain: W. A. V. Elwell.

Committee: G. R. Murfitt, A. Rackstraw.

IN SEPTEMBER of last year, a small group of Sixth Formers approached Dr. Long and Mr. Luck with a view to playing Badminton in the Gym. Permission was granted, and the Badminton Club came into existence. Owing to the fact that there is only one court available one day each week, it was decided that the membership, which extends to the Lower Fifts, had to be strictly limited. In order to keep the Club solvent, all members pay sixpence each week that they play. This covers the cost of shuttlecocks, and also pays for the restringing of members' rackets when necessary. It is hoped that, in the future, matches may be arranged with other Schools or Clubs, but we shall need to strengthen our team before that is possible.

G. W. J. BRECKNELL (Captain)

French Theatre Visits

ONCE AGAIN THIS year some of our senior French students were welcomed by Eton College for a performance of two comedies by La Troupe Française. As usual, the plays were given in the Eton College Hall where the spacious entrance hall, the atmosphere of the auditorium itself—with the improvised stage, and panelled walls nobly decorated with portraits of great Etonians—and the presence of the frock-coated students themselves, are all completely British, yet quite unfamiliar.

The first comedy—*La Paix Chez Soi*, by Courteline, a modern dramatist—was a delightful little piece with only two characters—man and wife—the one an imaginative young novelist, the other a materially-minded housekeeper. It was performed lightly and gracefully.

The second play—Molière's *Les Précieuses Ridicules*—was again very naturally acted, and one player—the blustering, red-haired Gaston Richer—was very precise in his rôle of comical valet. We remembered him from the previous year's performance when he also gave a lively and humorous interpretation of his part.

At the beginning of the Summer Term a small Sixth Form party were also privileged to attend a performance of *Tartuffe* by Molière given at St. James's Theatre by the Comédie Française. The intimacy of the theatre and the unparalleled acting combined to give a very interesting entertainment. As we should expect from one of France's greatest theatrical troupes, the cast provided a fine example of French diction and action, and showed off that great comedian Molière at his best. The realistic ease and lifelike acting was bewitching.

The boys who took part in these visits would like to express their gratitude to both Mr. Collin and Mr. Taylor for providing these opportunities which were at once interesting and educational.

B. C. PEARSON, U.VI

Morris Dancing

MORRIS DANCING IS the traditional dance for men: perhaps this is why it is so vigorous. There are many views as to the origin of this form of dancing, but it is universally accepted that Morris dancing existed before medieval times, when it was associated with magical practices. The bells and coloured ribbons, related to those magic rites, are still worn by the dancers.

The Morris is danced throughout the year, by Morris teams as numerous and as widespread as cricket clubs. The Morris dancers commence their season of dancing with a vigorous Spring and Early Summer when festive occasions are being celebrated, and they go into 'training' when the winter months arrive. The team is led by the squire, who is the best and most experienced dancer of the team. There are a few traditional teams that have been dancing since time immemorial, and it is their style of dancing, their dances, and their enthusiasm for Morris dancing, that give Morris teams the courage to keep dancing once they have started.

In Buckinghamshire there are only two Morris teams, the School team and the Whitchurch team, near Aylesbury, of whom Mr. Doncaster is the Bagman or Secretary-cum-Treasurer.

In Berkshire there are only two or three Morris teams, but elsewhere there are large numbers representing each particular district. The Abingdon men from Berkshire have been dancing from 1707, which is a great achievement.

The music is usually played on a fiddle or concertina. In these days an accordion is often used and in ancient days a 'whittle and dub,' or as they are now called a 'pipe and tabor,' were used. The 'whittle' or 'pipe' is a tin whistle played with one hand, from which is hung the 'dub' or 'tabor,' which is a sort of drum, beaten in time to the dance by the other hand.

The School team has at the moment two objects, i.e. to obtain admission to the Morris Ring, and also to attain a high standard of dancing. It might be well to add here that Morris dancing keeps one as fit as the fiddle the music is played on.

S. CUTTS, L.VI



R. Faulkner (Chairman) looks on as G. Thompson makes a point during a Civics Society Meeting.

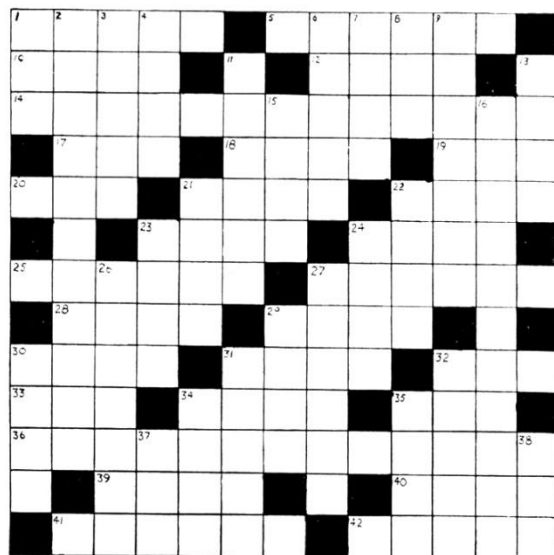


Some of the School Morris Dancers in action.

[Photographs by D. J. WHITE (U.VI)]

Crossword

(Solution on page 40)



CLUES

- ACROSS
- Inst. um:nt. (5)
 - Scamp. (6)
 - Meat. (4)
 - Length. (4)
 - In an amazing manner. (13)
 - Used in golf. (3)
 - Observed. (4)
 - Distinct portion. (3)
 - Owned by him. (3)
 - Afterwards. (4)
 - Lofty. (4)
 - Minerals. (4)
 - Part of a ladder. (4)
 - Meal. (6)
 - Mournful songs. (6)
 - Correct. (4)
 - Repose. (4)
 - Partiality. (4)
 - Animal. (4)
 - Article. (3)
 - Perish. (3)
 - Destiny. (4)
 - Payment. (3)
 - Worldwide. (13)
 - Bird. (4)
 - Borne on horseback. (4)
 - Indian State. (6)
 - Concise. (5)

- DOWN
- Eggs. (3)
 - Compensation. (11)
 - Barriers. (5)
 - Plant. (4)
 - Pale. (5)
 - Whirl. (4)
 - Container. (3)
 - Fishing. (7)
 - Angler. (6)
 - Legend. (4)
 - Bishoprics. (4)
 - To be at these is to have quarrelled. (11)
 - Part of a forest. (4)
 - Injure. (4)
 - Work. (4)
 - Move upwards. (4)
 - Talk incessantly. (7)
 - Erase. (6)
 - Roster. (4)
 - Margin. (4)
 - Food in the wilderness. (5)
 - Singer. (5)
 - Amphibian. (4)
 - Coming first. (4)
 - Period of time. (3)
 - Shelter. (3)

J. D. KILLIP (U.VI)

Civics Society

Chairman: R. Faulkner; Secretary: N. D. Isaacs.

Committee: B. Clinch, G. Thompson, R. Glanville.

AT THE BEGINNING of the current School Year, the Civics Society was reformed as a completely voluntary society. Previously it had been a compulsory affair for Sixth Formers during Friday afternoon activities period. There are at present about twenty members under the chairmanship of R. Faulkner.

Meetings have been held as regularly as possible, once a fortnight. Forums and debates have proved to be the most popular, and although usually quite calm, have sometimes been both heated and long.

During the year we were honoured by a visit from the M.P. for Eton and Slough, Mr. Fenner Brockway. Mr. Brockway gave a very interesting speech on "Youth's Challenge to the Adult World." This meeting was attended by members of the Slough High School.

Recently a number of joint meetings have been arranged with the Current Affairs Society of the High School. These visits help to vary our programme and also to let us hear the views and personal opinions of other people. We sincerely hope that the success of the society will continue.

N. D. ISAACS (Hon. Secretary)

Scientific Society

THE SCHOOL SCIENTIFIC Society has had another successful year. The Chairman is now J. D. Killip, the ex-secretary. The treasurer is H. D. Grimwood, and R. Willé, R. Faulkner, G. Brecknell, B. Mathias, and the Secretary comprise the rest of the committee.

The Society has now 70 members, although the usual attendance at meetings is about 20 or 30.

An innovation this year has been the attendance at our meetings (and vice versa) of members of the Girl's High School Scientific Society.

We would like to thank those girls who have come for their support at these meetings.

The meetings have, as usual, covered a wide range of subject matter.

A small group of members conducted a very heated and very prolonged argument on evolution at a meeting in the Autumn term.

The most popular meetings have again proved to be film-shows, although one of the most popular this term was a Practical Biology Evening, when various animals were dissected before the very eyes of the society's members.

We are indebted to Mr. Anderson for a very interesting talk on Heredity given to what was largely a Sixth form audience at a meeting in March, and for his advice and help at the Practical Biology Evening.

We would remind boys in the Fourth forms that next year they will be able to join the Scientific Society. We shall be pleased to see as many of them as possible.

D. WHITE (Hon. Secretary)

Music Society

President: Dr. W. R. V. Long.

Chairman: S. F. Holness; Vice-Chairman: W. Bradshaw; Secretary: G. W. J. Brecknell; Treasurer: B. Duckett.

Committee: R. E. Faulkner, J. D. Killip, G. Fleetwood, D. Jones, J. Barnes, J. Clark, B. Bradford, J. Buckland, R. J. Smith, W. E. Thomas.

THE SOCIETY HAS now been functioning for three years, and has become well established throughout the School. In order to carry out our aim of widening the Musical outlook of our members, and through them, the School, we have held regular weekly concerts, with programmes alternating between Jazz, Light, and Classical Music, presented by various senior members of the Society. Also Musical Evenings have been arranged during the year in conjunction with our sister Society at the High School, and these have proved a great success. Preparations are now being made for a series of joint meetings to take place at the High School shortly.

G. W. J. BRECKNELL (Hon. Secretary)

Geographical and Historical Society

Chairman: S. F. Holness; Secretary: W. Bradshaw; Treasurer: I. Jones;
Committee: J. Ebbage; I. Simmons; L. Jackson; C. Miles; A. Hudson;
C. Davenport.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND Historical Society was formed last February by Holness and Bradshaw. Our first venture was a film show, which has since been followed by a very successful coach-trip to Oxford, where we were shown round All Souls' College by Dr. Lionel Butler, by a walk and another film show. We have a very ambitious programme and we want to have about 200 members by next Christmas. Theatre visits, Youth Hostel Week-ends, etc., should soon find their way on to our programme and we hope that these will be well supported.

W. BRADSHAW (Hon. Secretary)

The School Library

DUE TO LACK of space in the school, the Library was forced to remain closed to all except the Sixth form for two years up to September, 1951. Then, with the opening of the three extra classrooms in the Junior School, the Library was able to come out of hibernation and move to a room on the lower corridor, about six times as large as the cubby-hole to which it had previously been relegated. Since then, it has never looked back, and has expanded rapidly, so that now it really needs a still larger room. Since reopening, over 900 books have been added, the majority of them judiciously purchased by Mr. Todd, but a large number have been presented by members of the school, too numerous to name here, but to whom we extend our grateful thanks. Also, on reopening, the old method of issuing books by means of library tickets was abandoned, and a new system introduced whereby each boy visits the library once a week during his form "Library Period," under the supervision of his English master.

The library has been kept in working order by the efforts of W. Bradshaw and P. E. Lawrence, and I should like to thank them, and also the boys who have assisted in the arduous task of checking the 2,500 books at the end of each term.

G. W. J. BRECKNELL, Librarian.

Paris Cultural Holiday

DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS this year the Upper Sixth French Group attended the Fourth Cultural Holiday in Paris. Nearly 1,000 six-form pupils from all over the country took part and three of the largest Paris lycées were used as accommodation.

In the mornings, eminent professors of the Sorbonne (University of Paris) gave us lectures which covered literary subjects based on the Advanced and Scholarship examinations. These took place in the stately lecture-halls of the Sorbonne buildings. An alternative to lectures was what were known as "Cours Pratiques," which were small classes for translation practice. Our studies culminated in two competitions for which numerous prizes were given, and two of our group (Pearson and Bowers) were among the prizewinners.

In the afternoons, tours of the innumerable interesting places in Paris were arranged. We visited the "Île de la Cité," on which stand the famous cathedral of Notre Dame, the Sainte Chapelle, the Conciergerie (the old prison used during the Revolution of 1789) and the Palais de Justice (law courts). Most of us went up the Eiffel tower, from which there is a magnificent view of the whole of Paris, and visited the church of Sacré Cœur, built in Eastern style and situated on a hill from which there are also splendid views. One afternoon was spent very profitably in the Louvre—a huge palace containing the masterpieces of French art and sculpture, while another was taken up by a coach tour of the city. There were several free afternoons also, when we visited such places as the Arc de Triomphe and the Avenue des Champs Elysées, the Madeleine church and the Opéra, or strolled along the wide and tree-lined boulevards watching the traffic speed by, or looking at the (alas!) all too expensive goods displayed in shop windows. For some, the bouquinistes along the banks of the Seine formed quite an attraction, too.

In the evenings, parties were made up to visit theatres or cinemas, of which there was a very good choice, and also concerts of music. On one evening we went to see some of the famous buildings in Paris, which were floodlit.

Several items stand out which deserve special mention. On the first Saturday, a civic reception was held for us in the luxurious Hôtel de Ville. Several representative officials made speeches of welcome, the Paris police band provided music, photographs of us were taken, and a "Coronation Kite" was given to the schools from each district represented.

(The High School, from which a group attended the holiday, is now in possession of the Kite for Slough.)

A free visit was arranged to the Comédie Française, where we saw a really excellent and thrilling performance of Molière's comedy "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme." On another occasion we were taken to see the magnificent palace of Versailles, about 15 miles outside Paris. This was the traditional home of French royalty and contains many historical treasures.

On one evening, towards the end of the stay, a dance was held at the Cité Universitaire, when French students joined in with us, and, the day before we left for home, a farewell meeting took place in the Sorbonne.

Finally, I must mention the excellent organisation, the good food and accommodation, the help of the guides, and the general spirit of hospitality which helped to make the stay such an enjoyable one. It is a great and exciting experience to visit a foreign country, and especially its capital, and we all had a good time. I hope that the School will support this cultural holiday in future years; it combines, in perhaps the best way possible, education and enjoyment.

D. N. BOWERS, U.VI.

Orchard School Concerts

IT IS UNFORTUNATE that the concerts presented at the Orchard School last Winter were so feebly supported. These monthly concerts, arranged by The Orchard Concert Club and People's Concerts Ltd., were given by famous musicians and proved to be of outstanding quality.

Leon Goossens, the world-famous oboe player, shared a programme with Tessa Robbins, a young violinist of extraordinary talent. The oboe is not one of my favourite instruments, but I was charmed by the mellow tones which Mr. Goossens produced, and by his control over the instrument. Tessa Robbins, who has been playing the violin since she was three and a half years old, gave a performance which exemplified her versatility and the sweetness of her tone.

The Denis East String Quartet was unfortunate in that it performed on a foggy December evening. In addition to there being a very small audience, the accompanist was unable to appear and we missed some 'cello and violin solos. A quartet, however, was substituted and we were able to enjoy some beautiful music. Denis East, the leader, appeared rather stiff in his style, but, nevertheless, he showed fine qualities of musicianship and leadership.

There were two piano recitals, given by Malcuzyński and Peter Katin, and both were quite well attended. Well-known works by a good selection of composers were played and as well as enjoying the music it was a pleasure to watch the virtuoso playing of these two world-famous pianists. They gave a great sense of the suitability of the piano as a solo instrument for concert-work and inspired an even greater liking for piano music.

John Carol Case (baritone) gave an enjoyable evening of solos. He was the only performer on that occasion and I feel that an additional vocalist, or instrumentalist, would have both given Mr. Case some relief and provided more variety for the audience. Mr. Case's rendering of Britten's "Ploughboy Song" was particularly good: he handled this lovely little song with that delicacy which it demands.

If the Orchard School are able to present a similar series next season, we sincerely hope that they receive more support. These concerts bring world-famous musicians to our doorstep for remarkably low-priced tickets and they do really deserve greater attention than was provoked this season.

B. C. PEARSON, U.VI.

House Notes

Gray House

OFFICIALS:

Captain: R. W. Willé; *Vice-Captain:* R. E. Faulkner; *Secretary:* J. D. Killip; *Committee:* B. A. C. Ackrell, J. Davenport, D. C. Jones.

EARLY DURING THE School Year it was announced that Gray House was the Champion House for the previous year in all departments of Athletics, and as such became the first to hold the magnificent Shield presented by the Old Paludians. Whether this Shield will be retained will not be known until next term, but, although the position is very even at the moment, there is at least a possibility that the House will be able to keep the trophy for a further twelve months.

In the School Sports, Gray failed to gain a fifth win in succession, but nevertheless obtained 185 points, a total which enabled the House to take second place. Outstanding athletes were: Class I, Cullimore (28 pts., winner of the Johnson Cup) and Faulkner (10 pts., fourth); and Class III, Hudson (11 pts., fourth). Without detracting from these excellent performances, it should be noted that the Gray total was made up mainly by the efforts of many to gain a few points each rather than by the efforts of a few to gain many points each; this evidence of team-work must be gratifying to all members of Gray House.

The inter-House Football matches once again resulted in an easy victory for the House. Gray teams won the competitions in the Seniors, Lower Fifties, and Seconds, and tied for first place in the Thirds, and gained a total of 40 points, 11 points more than their nearest rivals.

In the Cross-Country, Gray came second after a very close fight indeed. The only individual winner, however, was Faulkner in the Seniors.

Briefly, then, it may be said that the House is nearing the end of a successful School Year, the chief feature of which has been the ever-present evidence of team-work. It must be pointed out, though, that rather too much reliance is placed upon the members of the Senior School, most of whom will be leaving in the near future, and we look forward to increasing effort by those who will eventually take their places.

J. D. KILLIP (Hon. Secretary)

Hampden House

Captain: J. Lewis; *Secretary:* W. H. Birnage; *Committee:* J. C. C. Gale.

WE ARE PLEASED to report an improvement in the sporting achievements of our House during the past year.

In the Form Football Championships the Fourth Form provided us with our only success although on the aggregate of the whole school Hampden House secured second position for the season.

In the Cross-Country Championships D. Delaney and B. Watts were the individual winners, but the house was only third throughout the School.

Athletics take pride of place in our achievements this year, as it is six years since Hampden House won the 'Athletic' Championship. Congratulations to all our competitors on a splendid performance with special mention of the following:-

In Class III D. Draper won the 220 yards and the individual Championship, R. Hall the Long Jump, B. Beasley the High Jump, and R. Hannam the Shot.

In Class II D. Delaney won the Long Jump and all the track events, creating a new record for the 440 yards. He is also Individual Champion. E. V. Bevan broke the records for the Discus and Shot, the latter with a putt of 53 ft. 3 ins. breaking the record by 8½ ft. He also won the Javelin. B. Thorp won the Cricket Ball event.

A creditable performance was put up by J. C. C. Gale, who was second in each of the middle distances in Class I.

Let us not rest on our laurels but prepare for even better results next year.

W. H. BIRNAGE (Hon. Secretary)

Herschel House

UNFORTUNATELY THE ATHLETICS' 'wooden spoon' remains with our House. Herschel finished last in the House Competition this year, but this is a creditable performance considering that only eleven competitors represented the House on Sports Day. These members acquitted themselves with credit, especially I. Jones who, with 26 points, was a close second for the 'Johnson Cup' in Class I. In Class II Herschel's prestige was upheld by J. Little, who won 18½ valuable points and also set up a new High Jump record for his class. Class III results were, unfortunately, far from flattering, but as this is the most junior class we hope that there is as yet undiscovered talent which will show itself by next year.

Congratulations to the gallant House members who braved winter's trials to win the House Cross-Country Championship, especially J. Jones who was first home in the Fourth Forms' race.

No House cricket results for this term are available on going to press, but we should congratulate M. Askew upon being appointed Captain of the School Cricket 2nd XI for this season. This position seems to be a regular honour for Herschel.

The results of inter-House Football are also encouraging, Herschel being a very close third, and promise much for next season.

S. F. HOLNESS
I. JONES

Milton House

OFFICIALS:

Captain, R. L. Gale; *Vice-Captain,* R. M. Johnson; *Secretary,* R. P. Groome.

ALTHOUGH MILTON has not done well as a team, some individualists have shone in the school's activities, outstanding among whom is undoubtedly Bob Gale, the school football captain, who, during the Easter holidays, went to Cambridge for a course in football. Bob has now taken the place of Bob Neale as House captain.

We have also the captains of the hockey and cricket teams, R. Murfitt and M. Johnson respectively. We have no less than seven players in the hockey team, six in the cricket team, and five in the football team.

In the track and field events we had our share of wins—J. Barnes breaking the senior discus record with a throw of 108ft. 3ins. R. Franklin was only one foot behind Bob Neale's javelin record. B. Richardson was the outstanding athlete in the 13-15 group, gaining many places. The Junior 100 yards was won by F. Holliday. We finished third in the closely contested house championship.

Bambrough finished first in the third form cross-country event.

The district 100 yards swimming championship was won by B. Pulsford.

Milton are again privileged to have the school captain in David Hamblen.

We now look forward to a better season, with more successes as a team, yet the individualists maintaining their high standards.

R. GROOME (Hon. Secretary)

Games and Athletics

Football

The First Eleven

A LARGE SIXTH Form is a very desirable thing and when it chances to enfold a large group of boys who have already proved their footballing ability in various School teams, then—"Tis excellent well."

In recent seasons much limelight has been claimed by victorious Junior Teams: This year the performances of the 1st XI have been the highlight. After lean periods and fairly successful periods we have come to a year of fruition—it has been "our turn" to have an eleven which has earned unstinted praise from many quarters. Laudatory comments are deserved—indeed, inevitable—but let it be said at once that no praise has affected this extremely level-headed team: and, in case of danger, the Old Boys beat us—which is as it should be.

It has been a splendid season from all points of view, and the temptation to wax lyrical over the quality of much of the football is strong. We will try to resist it.

The record tells at once part of the story: clear-cut victories were gained over all School opponents, and two games were lost to the Old Paludians. Late in the season we were lucky to have a match with Reading University 1st XI and in a splendid game, we went down 4-3—a very fine performance against players of weight and maturity. We look forward with pleasure to tackling them again next season. The better the opposition, the better the team played. Only once did the side fail to produce their normal rhythmic football—in the second Old Paludians' match, when, because of lack of match practice in the Hockey Term, play seemed slow and not cohesive. At all other times the combined skill and individual craft, the vigour and timing of tackles, the pattern football which yet brought swift progress downfield—all these were noteworthy. In the Easter Term some of the eleven gave assistance to the Hockey Team and some turned out for the Old Pals' football teams, thus forging a most desirable link for the future.

What an object lesson the eleven provided for those whose football thoughts run ever in terms of hectic Cup Finals and despondency over loss of league points, even when the football has been good. The aim has been to win—by playing football, the reward—honour to themselves and the School, and the incomparable enjoyment that a strenuous tussle will, of itself always provide.

Our first keeper was R. Millis, later yielding to K. Hall, who retained the post. Millis was a real trier, most capable and unruffled, standing down cheerfully and giving of his best thereafter to the 2nd XI. Hall developed into a most valiant and reliable goalie, lacking only height. If he grows, as the rear-guard, he will be, so to speak, in the front rank.

Full backs: B. Pulsford and W. Birnage—plenty of beef here—an admirable pair. Pulsford was quick to recover, at all times very venturesome, showing speed and dribbling power unusual in a back. Birnage lacked his speed, but he, too, was very hard to pass and could bring the ball through with considerable skill. Both kicked cleanly and with judgement.

The half back line, foundation of the side, was "of experience all compact." As Captain, old-hand R. Gale continued in his rôle of—well, he played all parts, each one superbly. He controlled the middle of the field—he covered others—he initiated attacks—there was intelligence and artistry in all he did . . . which was everything. J. Davenport went from strength to strength—his progress in the last couple of seasons has been outstanding—but easily explained by his enthusiasm and persistence in practice. Courage, slide-rule sliding tackles, steady improvement in distribution—all were well in evidence in every game. J. Hines put all his heart into his play—and perhaps his tackling was almost too fierce at times. He tended to follow the ball, thus leaving gaps—he must develop his positional sense more fully. But what an example of enthusiasm and indefatigable effort! A solid, skilful and resourceful line, indeed.

Familiar names in the van: J. C. Jones on the right—dangerous as ever, though his speed seems no longer that of the ideal winger. He could be devastating, if he could break away more swiftly and not wait for the ball to come to him—he shoots and centres as accurately as ever. Inside was B. Ackrell, showing all his old skill and ball-control—play with older teams has hastened his maturity. He could marshal the line, spreadeagle a defence, bamboozle a back, deftly diddle and make or score goals galore. J. Gale had threatened to become a dashing and successful centre. Doing some private weekend practice, however, he broke an ankle and this ebullient leader was lost to us.

Defender G. Glanville became the regular middle man—with the customary profit. He scored some very good goals, though he showed a tendency to delay his shot, seeking the ideal position before shooting instead of firing as soon as he was on target.

D. Edwards, always a skilled ball-player, has developed considerably and become an excellent inside forward, exhibiting all the classic Edwardian polish.

G. Witchell was not the complete winger—he lacked speed and jugglery, but he was persistent and put in some awesome cross-shots. Some of his goals were the result of fierce, low, angled drives—quite unstoppable.

Full back J. Lewis had (not, perhaps, unnaturally) a back injury, which kept him out of the running, but against the Old Boys he played a very good, resourceful game.

So much for the individual players, but the keynote to the season's success has been the camaraderie off-field and the complete understanding and unselfish co-operation on it. Well done, the Team!

During the Easter holiday R. Gale spent a week at Cambridge, following a coaching course held by the Football Association with the co-operation of the University. Selected boys from Grammar and Public Schools in Britain lived and played football together, toured the Colleges, and soaked in an atmosphere of true amateur football—a most enjoyable and profitable week.

Second XI

This team included several players who would doubtless have won places in the First XI in a normal year—15 matches were played, 13 won.

In defence R. Millis, D. Dolphin, R. E. Smith and B. Garner were solid and dependable. M. Johnson did well in various positions—he played intelligently, thus compensating for lack of speed. B. Hill, P. Burden and L. Glanville were good half backs, using brain rather than mere brawn. We had useful wingers in D. Walton, C. Reid and E. Wallner—a real enthusiast: Inside were the wiles of A. Rackstraw and L. Goldfine. J. Lewis also proved to be a very useful centre forward.

The 1st XI remaining more or less intact, few calls were made on the Seconds, who thus were able to develop something of a team spirit of their own.

UNDER 15 (SENIOR LEAGUE) XI

After an astonishing run of success during the past six years, we have at last reached a leaner period, judged not by the mere loss of trophies but by the standard of football as well.

What can only be termed the careless loss of two games in particular cost us the League Cup (by one point) and the Rebel Shield. In the latter final, Orchard were the better side in the first half; in the second, a change of tactics put us well on top, and we had only to take our many chances to win . . . still, congratulations to the winners . . .

Yielding the silverware has been, on the whole, a good thing for us, from several points of view. The spirit of pot-hunting is abhorrent—we want football for football's sake—and plenty of it. Unfortunately, it has not been obtainable this season: a few league games have been squeezed in during September and April—for long periods we could not persuade adversaries on to the pitch; and too much, we fear, has been subordinated to the successful run of the District Schools' XI in the Shield Competition. Moreover, once the League Championship was settled, our remaining fixture was not even honoured: so much for "the game's the thing" . . .

It becomes increasingly obvious that the League system in local Schools' football has unfortunate and, indeed, dangerous aspects. Never more than in this season has our view, regularly and vigorously expressed in local councils, been more strongly illustrated and substantiated. We would like more and better football facilities for many more boys.

The younger lads need football such as the Seniors know and play it—hard and enjoyable—frequent and fast—with no arbitrary or artificial incentive—just the joy of licking the other fellow or the salutary medicine of losing when so deserving.

Our eleven had fewer stars than usual—though J. Bradbury performed admirably for the District XI. Given more regular games, we should have developed a useful side. The switch in age-limits for the Easter Term Shield games proved again a nuisance, in that it disturbed a side already in the making.

Goalkeeper J. Hinds brought off many plucky saves, and J. Rees did well when an age bar necessitated a change. E. Webb was a useful reserve.

I. Hogg shows great promise at right-back—he is a sturdy defender and a clean kicker—we can expect good service from him in the future. J. Hobbs worked hard at left-back and was always immensely keen. He must educate his right foot to the level of his left. M. Gillham and L. Glanville shared the captaincy. The former was strong and resourceful and will make a first-rate half; the latter was both solid and polished. A. Taylor settled down as a wing-half and he is developing excellently. B. Pither and J. Parkes figured at left-half—both hard workers.

On the wings, J. Ward, P. Jupp and P. Anderson alternated on the right and J. Bradbury normally played at inside-left. He is a forceful and skilful player, ever ready to seize a scoring chance—he has had a most successful season in the District side—congratulations. C. Symons is an intelligent player of great promise, skilled with foot and head. J. Jordan made a clever and thrustful inside-left and B. Pitcher played good football on the left wing—he lacks speed and must learn to use his right foot—but he will do well. Useful contributions also came from A. Welham and that vastly improved player W. Loveday.

The usual enjoyable games with Egham, Strode's, and Bishopshalt were played by a variegated Junior XI which gave games to J. Blott, A. Memmott, D. Turner, J. P. Glanville—all four most promising.

INTERMEDIATE XI (UNDER 13)

The team has not done so well as usual, due to a dearth of really skilful defenders, but there have been some excellent matches, with plenty of spirit and skill shown, often against bigger and stronger opponents.

The chief faults have been a lack of speed on to the ball and a tendency to hold on too long before making a hurried pass, often too wild to be of use. The chief excellences were the speed of the nippy forwards, the steadiness of C. Toogood in defence, and the clever approach work of N. Ward and A. Southam in attack.

Four matches were won and four lost, and, after a 0-0 draw, the quarter final of the Cup was lost to William Penn.

D. Windle was an excellent and conscientious captain, much improved in tackling and dribbling. N. Ward (vice-captain) at inside-left was a clever ball-controller, whose scheming for openings brought many goals. A. Southam, at inside-right, was a speedy and clever dribbler. At right-back, C. Toogood was supremely calm under pressure, much improved in positional sense, and kicked well.

D. Middleton, at centre-half, was a good stopper with a good kick. He tackled well, but is too fond of the sliding tackle, which leaves him out of play on the ground if he misses. J. Clarke, a natural footballer, was an excellent left-half. Half-back A. Lewis is a tenacious little player, much improved in tackling. M. Holliday is a promising centre-forward with a good thrust through the middle and dexterous turning shot. J. Barker, in goal, was keen and active, excellent at gathering a body-height ball. His drop-kick needs improving. J. Freer, at centre, was speedy and thrustful and not afraid to shoot. G. Rutter, on the left wing,

formed a good combination with Ward. He centred well and has good positional sense. G. Wickham, right wing, showed extraordinary ability to come through with the ball in spite of his lack of speed and is much improved at cross-kicking. J. F. Flynn (left-back) was inclined to miskick under pressure, but his tackling and positional play improved. K. Mansfield is a promising half-back, lacking only experience. J. Wells showed some skill on the left wing, but was too unpunctual to be a regular player. A. Williams is a very promising half-back—only half-pint size, but contains plenty of spirit. D. Harding, J. Pywell and B. Dearlove played well at the beginning of the season. Other boys who showed promise for next year include D. Draper, A. Cordery, D. Ralley, A. Hudson, D. Williams, W. Flynn, C. Lane, J. Diment, R. Willcox, J. V. Smith, D. Frankland, R. Keenan, I. Stewart, D. Almond, J. Jefferies, R. Bray, R. Dibling, T. Scadding, J. V. Thomas, and P. J. Martin.

The Six-a-Side Tourney wound up the season very pleasantly, a good afternoon's sport producing the following winners:—

Seniors (B. Ackrell's Team):— B. Ackrell, R. Millis, B. Mann, R. E. Smith, J. Jordan, P. Ashley.

Juniors (B. L. Pitcher's Team):— B. Pitcher, A. Curteis, M. Firth, R. Grier, D. Draper, B. Thomas.

Cross Country

TWO GREAT IMPROVEMENTS took place during the 1952/53 Cross Country season. One was the doubling of the number of fixtures (bringing the total to four!) and the other was a temporary loss of Wycombe-phobia, resulting in a convincing win for the Senior Eight in October over our otherwise good friends at the Royal Grammar School. These Hilldwellers, who deplore our fast course, made amends, however, and in the annual triangular match with them and Bishopshalt, we were caned into second place by an unhealthily wide margin. Nemesis again was our lot, when in a further triangular match, Bishopshalt put us well and truly in our place—a very miserable third, with Harrow Grammar School carrying off the laurels. Our last match was with Watford Grammar School 2nd Eight, their 1st Eight being too strong (so they claim) for the likes of us. The beautifully Arctic weather conditions reduced the starters by illness or otherwise to six. Of these, two seized up *en route*, their colds getting the better of them, leaving an incomplete team of four to automatically lose, six being required to 'count.' The four that did finish, Willé, Cullimore, Faulkner and Johnson, filled 1st, 4th, 5th and 8th positions, and showed that Watford might find it fatal to send 2nd Eights in future.

The season was rounded off by the Schools Championships, but the shortness of the course found little favour with the 'regulars.'

The Senior Eight varied somewhat in composition. In the Spring term a useful recruit in the person of M. Johnson was discovered, whose footballing stamina served him well. Besides Johnson, those concerned were R. Willé, R. Faulkner, S. Holness, M. Askew, J. Mansfield, R. Groome, D. Dolphin and D. Cullimore. Phillips, O'Brien and Brecknell were reserves.

"G.P."

Hockey

HOCKEY ENTHUSIASTS had their opportunity again in the Easter term, but it was good to see some of the most uncompromising footballers also joining in and showing real promise.

Two teams were formed: the second team enjoyed themselves in enthusiastic hit-or-miss fashion and the 1st XI showed signs of real skill and tactical knowledge. Although defeated by much more experienced teams, they played with excellent spirit and were by no means outclassed. Individuals played excellent hockey. The interest of the Old Paludians' Hockey Club was much appreciated—many boys were given games in an O.P. Third XI, formed to provide match practice.

G. Murfitt worked really hard as coach and leader. His stick work was very neat, and he successfully instructed novices in team tactics and ball control. R. Faulkner played strongly at half and R. Franklin was highly dangerous at centre-forward. B. Ackrell showed that he could play excellent hockey if he gave his footballing mind to it. E. Rayner and F. Barnes were steadily improving defenders, and R. Groome showed real promise. W. Elwell was a very useful half and others who worked hard and successfully were J. Osborne, L. Goldfine, B. Mann, F. Holness, J. Davenport, J. D. Killip and, in goal, D. Harrison and W. Bradshaw.

Chief matches played: Lost to Ranelagh 4-1, Windsor 11-0, Old Pals 5-1. Beat Wycombe Technical School 9-0.

School Sports

(G—Gray; Ha—Hampden; He—Herschel; M—Milton)

CLASS III

100 Yards [Record (1948): 11.9 secs.]—1. M. Holliday (M); 2. D. Draper (Ha); 3. C. Rees (He); 4. E. Bell (He). Time: 13.5 secs.
220 Yards [Record (1949): 27.5 secs.]—1. D. Draper (Ha); 2. A. Williams (G); 3. F. Haskell (Ha); 4. A. Hudson (G). Time: 31 secs.
Long Jump [Record (1948): 15ft. 8½ins.]—1. R. Hall (Ha); 2. E. Henry (He); 3. A. Hudson (G); 4. M. Holliday (M). Distance: 13ft. 6ins.
High Jump [Record (1951): 4ft. 5ins.]—1. B. Beasley (Ha); 2. R. Hannam (Ha); 3. A. Hudson (G); 4. C. Lane (G). Height: 4ft. 1in.
Hop, Step and Jump [Record (1950): 30ft. 3ins.]—1. M. Holliday (M); 2. B. Deuchar (M); 3. A. Hudson (G); 4. K. Mansfield (G). Distance: 29ft.
Putting the Shot [Record (1951): 44ft. 2ins.]—1. R. Hannam (Ha); 2. D. Draper (Ha); 3. B. Deuchar (M); 4. A. Cordery (G). Distance: 32ft. 4ins.
Throwing the Cricket Ball [Record (1952): 53yds. 1ft. 7ins.]—1. D. Middleton (G); 2. E. Henry (He); 3. A. Williams (G); 4. B. Snook (Ha). Distance: 63yds. 1in. (NEW RECORD: A. Williams, 64yds. 2ins., in preliminaries.)
Relay (4 x 110 yards)—1. Hampden; 2. Gray; 3. Milton, Herschel. Winning team: D. Draper; J. Freer; B. Snook; F. Haskell.

CLASS II

100 Yards [Record (1948): 11.6 secs.]—1. D. Delaney (Ha); 2. B. Richardson (M); 3. J. Little (He); 4. J. Rees (Ha). Time: 11.7 secs.
220 Yards [Record (1948): 25.4 secs.]—1. D. Delaney (Ha); 2. J. Little (He); 3. J. Rees (Ha); 4. B. Richardson (M). Time: 27.4 secs.
440 Yards [Record (1951): 61.3 secs.]—1. D. Delaney (Ha); 2. B. Richardson (M); 3. J. Knowles (He); 4. J. Little (He). Time: 60.9 secs. (NEW RECORD)
880 Yards [Record (1951): 2 min. 27.2 secs.]—1. D. Delaney (Ha); 2. B. Richardson (M); 3. J. Thompson (M); 4. J. Knowles (He). Time: 2 min. 28.1 secs.
Long Jump [Record (1949): 17ft. 10½ins.]—1. D. Delaney (Ha); 2. J. Little (He); 3. J. Morgan (He); 4. K. Ball (M). Distance: 16ft. 0½in.
High Jump [Record (1949): 4ft. 8½ins.]—1. J. Morgan (He); 2. J. Little (He); 3. D. Delaney (Ha); 4. J. Scott-Kiddie (M). Height: 4ft. 8ins. (NEW RECORD: J. Little, 4ft. 9ins., in preliminaries.)
Throwing the Javelin [Record (1949): 121ft. 7½ins.]—1. E. Bevan (Ha); 2. B. Thorp (Ha); 3. J. Willis (M); 4. A. Buckland (M). Distance: 113ft. 3ins.
Throwing the Discus [Record (1951): 111ft. 4ins.]—1. E. Bevan (Ha); 2. D. Delaney (Ha); 3. B. Richardson (M); 4. P. Ashley (M). Distance: 120ft. 2ins. (NEW RECORD)
Putting the Shot [Record (1952): 45ft. 8ins.]—1. E. Bevan (Ha); 2. D. Delaney (Ha); 3. J. Hobbs (He); 4. B. Richardson (M). Distance: 53ft. 3ins. (NEW RECORD)
Throwing the Cricket Ball [Record (1952): 72yds. 1ft. 8ins.]—1. B. Thorp (Ha); 2. E. Bevan (Ha); 3. J. Dilly (G); 4. P. Wetton (He). Distance: 72yds. 7ins.

Relay (110, 220, 110, 220 yards)—1. Hampden; 2. Herschel; 3. Milton; 4. Gray. Winning team: J. Ward; J. Rees; R. Henry; D. Delaney.

CLASS I

100 Yards [Record (1951): 10.6 secs.]—1. R. Groome (M); 2. D. Cullimore (G); 3. R. Faulkner (G); 4. R. Gale (M). Time: 11.15 secs.
220 Yards [Record (1951): 23.75 secs.]—1. D. Cullimore (G); 2. R. Faulkner (G); 3. R. Groome (M); 4. R. Gale (M). Time: 24.9 secs.
440 Yards [Record (1951): 55.6 secs.]—1. D. Cullimore (G); 2. R. Groome (M); 3. W. Birnage (Ha); 4. J. Gale (Ha). Time: 58.1 secs.
880 Yards [Record (1949): 2 mins. 9.5 secs.]—1. D. Cullimore (G); 2. J. Gale (Ha); 3. R. Faulkner (G); 4. W. Birnage (Ha). Time: 2 mins. 16.4 secs.
Mile [Record (1949): 4 mins. 50.3 secs.]—1. R. Willé (G); 2. J. Gale (Ha); 3. R. Faulkner (G); 4. S. Holness (He). Time: 5 mins. 6.4 secs.
Long Jump [Record (1944): 20ft. 10ins.]—1. D. Cullimore (G); 2. I. Jones (He); 3. J. Lewis (Ha); 4. R. Faulkner (G). Distance: 18ft. 7½ins.
High Jump [Record (1937): 5ft. 6ins.]—1. I. Jones (He); 2. A. Painter (G); 3. C. Weatherhead (Ha); 4. J. Lewis (Ha). Height: 5ft. 1in.
Throwing the Javelin [Record (1951): 153ft. 3½ins.]—1. R. Franklin (M); 2. I. Jones (He); 3. D. Jones (G); 4. J. Lewis (Ha). Distance: 147ft. 0½in.
Throwing the Discus [Record (1940): 107ft. 7½ins.]—1. I. Jones (He); 2. J. Barnes (M); 3. D. Cullimore (G); 4. R. Franklin (M). Distance: 106ft. 3ins. (NEW RECORD: J. Barnes, 108ft. 3ins., in preliminaries.)
Putting the Shot [Record (1943): 50ft. 10ins.]—1. I. Jones (He); 2. D. Cullimore (G); 3. B. Cleverley (He); 4. R. Groome (M). Distance: 43ft.
Throwing the Cricket Ball [Record (1952): 95yds. 2ft.]—1. I. Jones (He); 2. D. Jones (G); 3. B. Cleverley (He); 4. D. Greenhow (He). Distance: 92yds. 2ft. 2ins. (NEW RECORD: D. Jones, 96yds. 2ft., in preliminaries.)
Relay (110, 220, 220, 440 yards)—1. Gray; 2. Milton; 3. Hampden; 4. Herschel. Winning team: D. Cullimore; R. Faulkner; J. Mansfield; B. Ackrell.

OPEN EVENT

Mile Handicap [Record (1948): 4 mins. 58.6 secs.]—1. R. Willé (G); 2. J. Gale (Ha); 3. A. Curteis (M); 4. P. Wheeler (Ha). Time: 4 mins. 56.5 secs. (NEW RECORD)
HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP (Headmaster's Cup)—1. Hampden, 217 pts.; 2. Gray, 185 pts.; 3. Milton, 168½ pts.; 4. Herschel, 155½ pts.
INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP: CLASS I (Johnson Cup)—1. D. Cullimore (G), 28 pts.; 2. I. Jones (He), 26 pts.; 3. R. Groome (M), 12 pts.; 4. R. Faulkner (G), 10 pts.
HIGHEST NUMBER OF POINTS GAINED FOR HOUSE: CLASS II (Smith Cup)—1. D. Delaney (Ha), 41 pts.; 2. E. Bevan (Ha), 23 pts.; 3. B. Richardson (M), 22 pts.; 4. J. Little (He), 18½ pts.
HIGHEST NUMBER OF POINTS GAINED FOR HOUSE: CLASS III (Steil Cup)—1. D. Draper (Ha), 16 pts.; 2. M. Holliday (M), 15 pts.; 3. R. Hannam (Ha), 12 pts.; 4. A. Hudson (G), 11 pts.

Athletics Match v. Windsor County School

(Slough G.S. - S; Windsor C.S. - W)

100 yards (Open)—1st Simmons (W); 2nd Groome (S); 3rd Faulkner (S). Time: 10.8 secs.
100 yards (Junior)—1st Evans (W); 2nd Garrett (W); 3rd Delaney (S). Time: 11.5 secs.
Javelin (Open)—1st Franklin (S); 2nd Day (W); 3rd Jones (S). Distance: 151ft. 8ins.
Shot (Junior)—1st Bevan (S); 2nd Drewett (W); 3rd Hobbs (S). Distance: 46ft. 7ins.
High Jump (Junior)—1st Dean (W); 2nd Morgan (S); 3rd Little (S). Height: 4ft. 8ins.
880 yards (Open)—1st Willé (S); 2nd Faulkner (S); 3rd Nightingale (W). Time: 2 mins. 14 secs.

880 yards (Junior)—1st Richardson (S); 2nd Dean (W); 3rd Hawkins (W).
 Time: 2 mins. 27.4 secs.
 Long Jump (Open)—1st Cullimore (S); 2nd Faulkner (S); 3rd Simmonds (W).
 Distance: 18ft. 7ins.
 Discus (Junior)—1st Bevan (S); 2nd Drewett (W); 3rd Thorp (S). Distance:
 118ft. 10ins.
 220 yards (Open)—1st Groome (S); 2nd Thompson (W); 3rd Holness (S).
 Time: 25.4 secs.
 220 yards (Junior)—1st Evans (W); 2nd Garrett (W); 3rd Walton (S). Time:
 26.1 secs.
 Shot (Open)—1st King (W); 2nd Clegg (W); 3rd Cleverley (S). Distance: 40ft.
 13ins.
 Javelin (Junior)—1st Chase (S); 2nd Bevan (S); 3rd Garrett (W). Distance:
 134ft. 0ins.
 High Jump (Open)—1st Day (W); 2nd Painter (S); 3rd Hewson (W). Height:
 5ft. 0ins.
 440 yards (Open)—1st Cullimore (S); 2nd King (W); 3rd Richardson (W).
 Time: 55.8 secs.
 440 yards (Junior)—1st Delaney (S); 2nd Walton (S); 3rd Drewett (W).
 Time: 62.1 secs.
 Discus (Open)—1st Clegg (W); 2nd Barnes (S); 3rd Cleverley (S). Distance:
 107ft. 1in.
 Long Jump (Junior)—1st Garrett (W); 2nd Little (S); 3rd Evans (W). Distance:
 15ft. 6ins.
 Mile (Open)—1st Willé (S); 2nd Pring (W); 3rd Gale (S). Time 4 mins. 51.2
 secs.
 Relay (Open)—Windsor. Time: 48 secs.
 Relay (Junior)—Windsor. Time: 52 secs.
 Result: Match drawn—62 pts. each.

Cricket 1953

THIS YEAR the School Field and Cricket Table are to undergo their long-awaited treatment, so that the Elevens of the future will be able to develop their cricket on a worthy wicket. In this "interim" season we shall be using pitches on the adjacent public fields. It is a season of great promise and, indeed, of fulfilment, even at the time of going to press: four games have been played, three won and the other drawn. The new Captain, M. Johnson, has led the side with intelligence and enthusiasm, opening the innings confidently and using his attack shrewdly.

Good batting form has been shown by B. Ackrell, J. Osborne and I. Lewis. On windy days in particular, D. C. Jones has wrought fair havoc and L. Goldfine has been generally difficult to play—as the appended figures indicate.

The team has a good blend of experience and new blood—the spirit is of the cheeriest and best—and a most successful and enjoyable term should result.

First Eleven results to date: School 81 for 3 (dec.), Ackrell 40 n.o., Johnson 30; Stode's Egham, 78, Goldfine 5 for 18. School 75 for 6 (dec.), I. Lewis 33, Slough Technical 36, Jones, D. C., 5 for 15. School 81 for 9 (dec.), Osborne 35 n.o.; Henley 56, Goldfine 5 for 7, Gale, R., 3 for 8. School 98 for 9 (dec.), Osborne 23, Lewis 22 n.o.; Amersham 83 for 9, Jones, D. C., 5 for 14.

First Team: M. Johnson, B. Ackrell, J. Osborne, R. Gale, I. Lewis, L. Goldfine, D. Edward, K. Hall, W. Hines, D. C. Jones, G. Witchell, B. Hill.

The SECOND ELEVEN is an experimental one, and is in obvious need of batting and fielding practice. It is hoped that it will develop into a useful side—there is talent in plenty available. So far, Amersham have been beaten by one wicket and Stode's, Egham, beat us by three wickets.

Team: M. J. Askew (capt.), G. Witchell, D. M. Jones, L. Glanville, R. York, I. Jones, J. C. Gale, D. Cullimore, A. Rackstraw, M. Gillham, and D. Walton.



FOOTBALL FIRST ELEVEN: Back Row—B. Pulsford; G. Witchell. Middle Row—D. Edwards; K. Hall; J. Davenport; G. Glanville. Front Row—W. Birnage; D. Jones; R. Gale (Capt.); B. Ackrell; J. Hines.



FOOTBALL SECOND ELEVEN: Back Row—B. Hill; C. Reid. Middle Row—D. Dolphin; R. Millis; D. Greenhow; A. Rackstraw. Front Row—R. Smith; B. Garner; M. Johnson (Capt.); E. Wallner; L. Goldfine.

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CRICKET FIRST ELEVEN: Back Row—D. Edwards; J. Osborne; D. Jones; G. Witchell; R. Gale; I. Lewis. Front Row—K. Hall; B. Ackrell; M. Johnson (Capt.); L. Goldfine; J. Hines; W. Bradshaw (Scorer).



HOCKEY FIRST ELEVEN: Back Row—W. Elwell; B. Mann. Middle Row—R. Groome; D. Harrison; R. Faulkner; J. Killip. Front Row—E. Rayner; J. Osborne; R. Murfitt (Capt.); B. Ackrell; L. Goldfine.

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School Swimming

AT THE Senior Slough Schools' Gala this year we had too few entries to make a team; however, B. H. Pulsford and V. N. Starks took part in the Open 100 yards event, gaining first and second places respectively.

At the Intermediate Gala, the school team was placed third out of seven schools competing; we had no outstanding successes, but the members of the team swam well in all events; they were: J. C. Bambrough, W. Flynn, C. Hale, K. Mansfield, D. L. Thomas, P. R. Thomas, A. J. Williams.



News from the Old Boys

The Old Paludians

SOCIALLY, THIS PAST year has been excellent. Eight dances have been held, three at the Adelphi Ballroom and the remainder at the Dolphin Hotel. Two of the former were organised in conjunction with the Ladies' Branch of the Old Paludians. In addition, a Sports Sections' Dinner and Dance was arranged at the "Good Companions." Amongst the guests were our President, Dr. Long, together with Mrs. Long.

The visits to various London theatres have included the following shows: "Affairs of State," "Ring out the Bells," "South Pacific," "Paint Your Wagon," "Quadrille," and "Porgy and Bess."

Mr. Clarke.

Only last year we bade farewell to Mr. Clarke as Headmaster of the School, and President of the Old Paludians. It was with great regret that we learned of his untimely death early this year. He will be greatly missed in all our activities.

It has been thought fitting that his association with the School and the Old Paludians should be perpetuated by a memorial within the School. A lectern for the School hall, or bookcases for the new library have been suggested.

An appeal fund has been opened, and it is hoped that all Old Boys' will contribute.

S. W. JONES (Hon Secretary)

Old Paludians' Football Club

DURING THE PAST season we have managed to run three elevens as against two in previous years. This has only been made possible by the support that we have had from players still at school. In all about twenty schoolboys played in Old Boys' football last season, and they have been represented in all three teams. Our thanks are due to "Dudley" Davenport for his excellent support as school-boy representative on the Committee.

The results were not as good as was hoped for at the beginning of the season. Both the first and second XI's finished up at the bottom of their respective divisions, and the first XI has been relegated from the Senior Division to Division 1. We think that throughout the season all the teams have tried to play good football, and had the ball run a little more kindly for the 1st XI they might easily have finished nearer the top than the bottom of the league. This fact was borne out in the manner in which they defeated Old Cheyneans 1st XI (League leaders and holders of O.B. Cup) 4-1 the last match of the season. The 3rd XI had a much better league record, most of the credit for which must go to the all schoolboy team that was turned out on four occasions. Although the club's record has not been of the highest this season, we believe that if people continue to join us whilst still at school and continue with us when they leave, then we shall have one of the finest sides with O.B. competition.

We were pleased to welcome back Roy Buckland and Reg. Ashley from the services at the beginning of the season. Mick Limmer and Peter Jefferies are due to return to regular football next September, and should help to strengthen the Club.

Ian Bryant has announced his retirement from the General Secretaryship of the Club; whoever takes over this position will have a hard task living up to the high standard of club service set by "Bronc." "Dabber" Cordery retired as Chairman last Christmas. He had been a member of the Club since the 1920's. Our hearty thanks are due to both of these stalwarts.

D. NICHOLAS (Hon. Team Secretary)

Old Paludians' Cricket Club

SEASON 1952 WAS a most enjoyable one, with some fine games and many good individual performances. The final record was P. 30, W. 7, D. 10, L. 13. The majority of the drawn games, with luck, could easily have been turned into victories.

Scores of over 150 were recorded against many clubs, including Aspro, St. Mary's Hospital, Stoke Green and Farnham Royal—all strong opponents. Fulmer and Eton Wick both beat us twice; defeats which we shall try to avenge this summer. At Bradenham on August Bank Holiday Monday the usual good time was had by all, and this year's visit is already being looked forward to. Harry Jones scored most runs during the season, just under 500, whilst Ron Bruce took 54 wickets. Paddy May's all-round value to the Club was proved by the fact that he topped the batting averages and was well placed on bowling. Norman Harris handled the side well, and was again a fine skipper.

Season 1953 has begun none too happily, as four of the first six fixtures have been scratched and the other two games lost. However, with a good list of fixtures to follow, some fine games are assured. The Club can still do with more playing members, and it is hoped to include boys from the School in our teams, in

order to encourage them to join us after they have left. At present, as a Club, we have little to offer in the way of facilities, but at least we try to enjoy cricket, which is the main thing.

Our thanks are due to the Headmaster for kindly allowing us the use of the School nets for practice twice a week.

K. R. MARTIN (Hon. Secretary)

Old Paludians' Hockey Club

THE OLD PALUDIANS Hockey Club enjoyed another successful season in 1952-3. The season was unique in as much as a 3rd XI was run for the first time. This was only possible because of the fine support received from the schoolboys, there usually being four or five in the team each match. On one occasion there were as many as ten! John Killip ably looked after the problem of getting boys to play. As he is leaving this year, Jimmy Osborne will take over this job, following his election as 3rd XI Vice-Captain at the A.G.M. held on April 25th.

The first eleven had a good season, amongst the successes being "the double" against Slough, and wins against Imperial College and Rickmansworth. Gerrards Cross, whose 1st XI have yet to be beaten by the Old Pals, again won both games by the odd goal.

In all 15 games were won, 5 lost, and 3 drawn, with 80 goals for, and 38 against.

It was noticeable that the team's defeats came very largely on pitches which were bumpy and not suitable for good hockey.

The 2nd XI, if anything, were even more successful than the 1st XI, winning 16 games, drawing 6 and losing only 2, with 73 goals for, and 19 against.

Colin Thompson, Paddy May and Richard Ford represented the County in 1st and 'A' games.

The Club lost Jim Stock half-way through the season, he having gone to live in Cardiff. Jim will be missed by the Club both as a player and for the very large amount of work he has put in for the Club, in many capacities. At one time or another he has been Treasurer, Vice-Captain of 1st XI, committee member and Secretary.

Also leaving us to serve in the R.A.F. is Colin Thompson, probably the best stick player the Club has ever had.

Our best wishes go with both of them.

Another who will probably not be with us next season is John Pallett, last season's Chairman. John has served ably as player and umpire—and of course in the chair.

The Officials for the 1952-3 season were:- Chairman, J. Pallett; General Secretary, J. Stock; Team Secretary, J. Williams; Treasurer, J. Mabbott; 1st XI Captain, J. May; 1st XI Vice-Captain, P. May; 2nd XI Captain, D. Elliott; 2nd XI Vice-Captain, J. Mabbott; 3rd XI Captain, P. Gill; Committee Members, R. Ford, H. Murgatroyd.

Derrick Elliott took over the Gen. Secretary's job after Jim Stock had left.

The Officials for the coming season, 1953-4 will be:- Chairman and Club Captain, J. Williams; General Secretary, E. Hamblett; Team Secretary, J. Williams; Treasurer, J. Mabbott; 1st XI Captain, P. May; 1st XI Vice-Captain, R. Ford; 2nd XI Captain, R. Green; 2nd XI Vice-Captain, J. Mabbott; 3rd XI Captain, W. Omer; 3rd XI Vice-Captain, J. Osborne; Committee Members, A. Stevenson, K. MacLoughlin.

The Club is looking forward to another good season next September, and any schoolboys interested in hockey will be welcome members of the Club.

J. WILLIAMS (Chairman)

A School Anthology

The Village Cricket Match

The sun shines o'er the village green,
And not a cloud could e'er be seen,
Around the ground the people sit,
Applauding every single hit.

And now alas a wicket falls,
Six runs to win and just three balls . . .
Are left to play with the last man in,
And the kids are making such a din!

And now the winning hit is made,
Revenge's toll has now been paid,
Uproarious cheers do rend the sky,
The victor's flag now flies on high.

J. PICKERING, IIIA

A Hard Day

Day is here, we smell the dew,
Night has ended, the day is new,
Work now starts for all but few,
Now there's bustle, trouble too.

Weary, tired, home we go,
Hard at heel, ache at toe,
Beat him hard we beat the foe,
Work is done and home we go.

Thoughts on past do now begin,
Rest is here and food's within,
Time drags on; the day is dim,
Day is past and night draws in.

All is dark so all have fled,
Night is here and day is dead,
Work is done and we're in bed,
Doors are closed and prayers are said.

N. EDWARDS, IIIA

Wind

Oh! mischievous wind what pranks you play!
I really think you're a rogue today,
You've taken my hat and pulled my hair,
You tease me a lot but I don't care.

You've banged the door and slammed the gate,
Then off you go at a terrible rate,
Shouting and roaring the whole day through,
Mischievous wind I'm tired of you.

C. DAVENPORT, IIA

Lincolnshire

THE COUNTY OF Lincolnshire is looked upon as one of the Cinderellas of Britain. People who do visit the county as tourists look quickly at Boston 'Stump' and then rush on rapidly through what they call the 'dreary fens' to Lincoln, where they spend, it is hoped, a good deal of time looking at the beautiful cathedral and at all the antiquities of the city. To such people that is Lincolnshire, except for those who go in spring to see the bulb-fields around Spalding, reminiscent of Holland, and the holiday-makers who flock from the Midlands to Cleethorpes, Sutton, and Skegness. Those things are merely a skin under which lies a great wealth of scenic beauty, of historic buildings, of birthplaces of famous men, and of wild life.

Let us start with scenery. To many, Lincolnshire is 'flat.' True, two-thirds of the county IS flat, rich, arable land, yet because it is flat the country need not be uninteresting. The fens especially have a beauty of their own, the stark and brown earth of winter; above, the gulls wheeling and searching hungrily for food; and where else can one see glorious sunsets and sunrises, uninterrupted by hills? In the Lincoln Wolds the scenery is of the gentle undulation of chalk-land covered with woods, with many beautiful valleys cut by streams—such as inspired Tennyson to write his poem 'The Brook.' From Lincoln Edge the view stretches right across the Vale of Trent to the Peak District, South to Charnwood and the Northampton Heights, and on a clear day one may see the towers of York Minster. Situated in a gap in the Edge is Lincoln itself.

Known to the Celts, LINDUM to the Romans, and inhabited by Saxons and Danes, the hill-top settlement above the River Witham was of such importance to the Normans that they built a cathedral there in 1092. It was devastated by fire in 1185 and in 1192 the cathedral was rebuilt to its present glory in the Early English style. Books could be, and have been, written of its glories, and here I shall only say that it must, whether viewed from inside or from the outside, be the most impressive cathedral in England. Lincoln also boasts a Roman Wall, Norman houses, and a fortified castle, but move on we must—to Boston. The famous parish church of St. Botolph, the 'Stump' being 292 feet high, is set right on the banks of the River Witham. The church was built in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries by the wool merchants, as a "glory to God and a guide to Shipping." The guide to shipping is an octagonal lantern on top of the tower. Boston was once a prosperous port for wool, but has now a declining trade in shrimps!

Lincolnshire is rich in old churches, but I must mention the Saxon pilastered tower of Barton-on-Humber and the austere Norman church of Stow, once a cathedral. As to Nature, Lincolnshire is quite famous in the ornithological world for its birds. The marshes are frequented by many bird-watchers and Peter Scott is quite a frequent visitor to the marshes of the Wash. The species are numerous, among them being the Gulls, the Terns in summer, the Redshanks, Dunlins, Sandpipers, and Curlews. Inland, one finds the Snipe and Woodcock, in the Wolds the woodland birds, and everywhere is seen the Kestrel.

We must now think of the famous men who looked to Lincolnshire as their birthplace, and among them we find names such as Robert Manning of Bourne, who first wrote the English language as we know it; Archbishop Langton, who played such a part in the Charter of Freedom; Isaac Newton, the great scientist, was born in a little hamlet in a corner of the county; the real founder of Virginia, Captain John Smith, was born at Willoughby, a quiet market town. Such men as Bass, Flinders, John Whitgift, naturalist Joseph Banks, and William of Waynflete, all were Lincoln men. But perhaps the most famous of them all was Alfred, Lord Tennyson, born at Somersby, a hamlet tucked away in the wolds, "the well-beloved place where first we gazed upon the sky." Tennyson found in Lincolnshire, in its fens, in its Wolds and its Plains, a spirit which he set down in poetry. That spirit is still there, in the countryside, and to seek it is to gain a rich reward.

I. G. SIMMONS, U.VA

Joie d'Enfance

Souvent, quand je pense au bonheur de l'enfance
 Il me vient des visions toutes familières
 De fleurs, de prés, de lacs, du ciel immense,
 Des choses de chez nous qui m'étaient si chères.

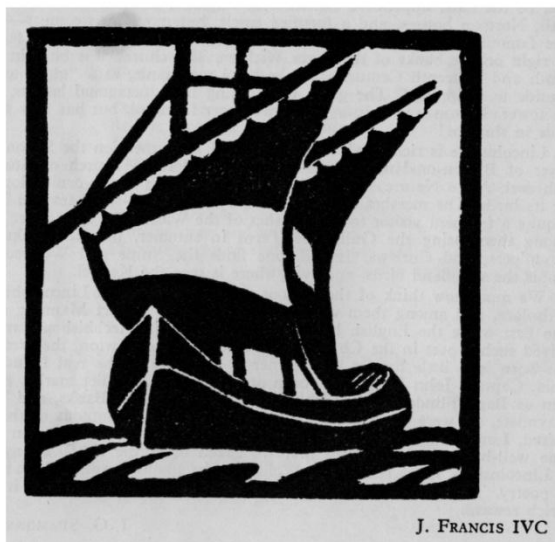
Notre jardin de juin fut plein de couleur,
 De feuillage abondant, de fraîche verdure.
 Tout m'inspirait une joyeuse douceur
 Dont reste la mémoire vivante et pure.

J'entends encore les oiseaux qui chantaient
 Dans le vieux marronnier tout près de la porte;
 Aux beaux jours de printemps leurs voix me hantaient:
 Leur silence m'annonçait la saison morte.

Ma mère me menait souvent dans le bois
 Et là m'expliquait la nature éternelle:
 Ainsi ai-je appris en peu de temps les lois
 De Dieu en éprouvant l'amour maternelle.

Et quand je songe à cette joie de jeunesse
 Que mon souvenir ne laisse pas périr,
 Je me fais toujours répéter ma promesse—
 De rendre grâce de ce qu'il faut chérir.

D. N. BOWERS, U.VI



J. FRANCIS IVC

Winterset I

The wind is still tonight;
 The cold damp mist
 Rises from the fields and wayside ditches.
 Trailing over frosted grassblades shining
 It blankets the ground,
 Gathering in thick wisps, in icy strands,
 Among the silver'd barks of leafless trees,
 Trees that raise emaciated limbs
 Toward a pitiless heaven,
 Praying for release.

Is it some freak of the weather
 That makes the solemn moon
 A pock-marked silver sixpence,
 Sitting on the topmost bough
 Of yonder skeletal tree?
 And in the blueleak crystal sky
 I can almost touch the glist'ning stars.
 Beneath the feet the barren earth,
 Inhospitable as th' unyielding rock,
 Lies frozen, solid to the tread;
 And ah, 'tis bitter cold. . . .

. . . The pavingstones that lead you to the town
 Are weary from the busy day,
 And sleep unmoved beneath the tired footfall,
 As homeward I walk along the sleeping street,
 With here and there a lighted window;
 Passing on my way the little houses of the small men,
 And now and then
 The larger houses of the smaller men,
 With garages and privet hedge.

'With Midnight chiming
 Through the sounding air,
 You turn the corner of the stair
 And with aching limbs
 Huddle closely over the last few miserable embers.'

B. MATHIAS, U.VI

Proserpine

The deep and sonorous knell of bitterness
 Which rang all searching spears of ice and hate
 Across the plain of Time, and drove with pond'rous stroke
 Into his breath their stakes of stark
 A-sudden, set. Across the whitened wastes
 Of sleeping Earth, a silence, like a breath of kindness
 Swept clean the note
 Yet singing, as the morn her wings unfold—
 Gold-flecked by smiles of Life above the green doth rise
 The slumbant Earth, dashed by the last, white icy spray
 Of silvern night, awakes material Praise!
 She smiles into the sky. Her tempant master
 Shrank, light-pale, into his den of oil.
 Anon the wakened morn did pour his glittering Love
 And flood the Earth with Glory and with light! She walks!
 She lives!!

I.J.

Ye Ancientte Requiemme

Ye Olde Leaderre is deade.
 Godde rest hise weery bones.
 At peace is hise grey heade.
 No more hise wounde moans.
 Forre twentie yeres and more
 He guyded hise owne loved troope.
 With manny a loude roare
 He did lead thatte motley groupe.

The tayles thatte he could telle
 No more wil they be herde.
 Forre nowwe there rings hise knell,
 Each note a sorrowing worde.
 Hise greyte, white horne at laste,
 Is hushed and must be styll.
 No more thatte tunefulle blaste
 Wil echoe fromme every hille.

Ye Olde Leaderre is deade.
 And all hise troope wil mourne.
 With manny a heart offe leade
 Wil soone hise bierr be bourne.
 The Bell wil tolle as doom
 As the greiving throngge gows bye,
 As they layye him in the tomb
 With hise ancestorres to lye.

M. J. ASKEW, U.VI

The Origin of Cricket?

After an idea of L. Bayley, Esq.

(From a recently discovered document, found on the site of a sun-temple, in the wild and arid wastes of central Chalvey. Judged by some to be an authentic record of the first match between masters and boys of Chalvey University. Date circa 980 B.C. MS. now at British Museum—Egerton MSS. 1767 fol 82a.)

Transcript:
 CHAPTER I.

1. It came to pass, that the sun shining mightily upon the peoples, that the peoples went to play them at games.
2. And they divided them into two halves, each half being unto the other equal. One being of young youthful men, and the other of ancient elders.
3. And the number of them present was two and twenty.
4. And the elders had in their camp a heavy leather ball of leather, in the keeping of Murus, an high priest of the temple where such were kept.
5. And one of the elders threw a ball mightily with all his force at the legs of a youth.
6. And the youth, having an stout willow club of willow, smote the ball lustily in the air, in so far as it travelled afar off.
7. And the elder became bloody of face, and did rage and fume.
8. And the youth, seeing the elder become bloody of face and rage and fume, did run to and fro to mock at him with mockings.
9. And the scribe of the temple of Murus did write down the number of times he ran to and fro in writing.
10. And the elder, seeing the young man mock at him with mockings, girded up his loins and ran lustily to fetch the ball, in order that he might again throw the ball at the legs of the younger, in order to dash him to the Earth. Seläh.
11. Now it came to pass, that the elders consulted together amongst themselves, saying

12. Behold, this game appears unto us to be wise: let us now, therefore, be wiser.
13. Let us erect a tabernacle of three wooden sticks of wood, and proclaim that we throw the ball at the wooden sticks of wood.
14. Which seemed as good an excuse as any.
15. And, behold, let us place a grocer as guardian of our tabernacle and upon him hang our woollen garments of wool.
16. Which was done, even as had been decided.

CHAPTER II.

1. Now it came to pass that the young man did come up to the most decrepit of the elders, saying,
 2. Behold, our playing at this game is unfair. The young men of our tribe being hurt or maimed for life, do petition that we feast awhile, before playing at games again.
 3. And the most decrepit of the elders, being dreadful of aspect, in so far as he kept hid his face behind a hedge of hair, did say unto him,
 4. Do that thing.
 5. So they feasted; and did eat and drink, yea, for a quarter of an hour.
 6. And the elders being two-faced, did say unto the youngers. This is a wise game; let us now therefore continue, so we may see how many times thou canst run to and fro.
 7. But they did say unto themselves. Let us see how many more youths we may seriously injure.
 8. But divers of the youngers consulted together, and said unto themselves. Let us now try and break the legs of the elders. And thus they did, and with great glee and with rejoicings.
 9. And the sun did darken, and the night frown. And the elders and the youngers consulted together amongst themselves, saying
 10. Let us now, therefore, go unto the scribe and say unto him. Tell thou us how many times they did run to and fro, and did break legs: and we likewise.
 11. And the scribe did present unto them two stone tablets of marble, inscribed with a chisel in this manner.
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13. And the elders, perusing the inscriptions, did say unto the scribe. Verily, thou art a good chiseller.
 14. And the night deepened; and they left their playing at games; and departed into a far country.

I.J.

I Wish

I wish I could travel the whole world over.
 Right to Japan from the Cliffs of Dover.
 To Korea, Malaya, those Lands of the East,
 Where man is more feared of man than of beast.

I wish I could see those poor people there.
 Whose lives are so weary and full of care.
 And remind them that there is One who would fain
 End all their dangers and suffering of pain.

Not yet is the day, but let's hope it is near.
 For then those sad souls will be full of cheer.
 Let's hope they'll remember 'twill be due to the love
 Of the Great One who lives supreme high above.

M. ASKEW, U.VI

Churches

IN OUR SCHOOL history we have often discussed the churches of England.

WING CHURCH, SAXON PERIOD

For our Saxon history I decided to look round the church at Wing. This church is probably one of the most complete samples of Saxon architecture in England, the apse, crypt and north aisle being completely of that period.

The crypt, which is beneath the chancel, consists of a central chamber—intended for the reception of a saint—encircled by a processional passage.

The seven-sided apse is one of the most striking features of the church, with its narrow pilasters and arcading, and the wide and lofty chancel arch is by far the largest Saxon arch in England.

Because the king would not have built a church at Wing with the royal towns of Leighton, Luton and Aylesbury so near, it is thought to have been built by a Lady Aelfgifu between the years 960 and 980 AD.

STEWKLEY CHURCH, NORMAN PERIOD

Stewkley Church has some very fine Norman Architecture, the nave, chancel and lower part of the tower all being 12th century.

It was built with limestone rubble mixed with local iron limestone, and is partly covered with Roman cement. The doors and windows are of pure Norman architecture, and on the soffit arch a medieval painting is to be seen.

The church was probably built in about 1220.

EDLESBOROUGH CHURCH, MIDDLE AGES

Edlesborough Church was founded at the end of the 12th century, but mostly built in the 14th. The first rector, Simon de Bellocampo, was presented in 1199. The church was firstly in the diocese of Lincoln, but in 1547 became part of the diocese of Oxford.

Inside the church, opposite the door, is a fireplace, and above is a small window. These are believed to be relics of a Priest's Chamber used many centuries ago.

The church is in proud possession of three brasses. One of these, a Tudor Rose, is the only one of its kind in England.

By the oak pulpit and canopy, which date back to the 12th century, is found the original hour glass. Also of interest are the miserere seats, which, when upturned, display carved back rests.

K. HALSTEAD, II.B.

A Letter from Paris

PARIS, le 19 mai 1952.

Cher Jean,

C'est avec grand plaisir que je t'écris cette lettre de Paris. Ce matin, on m'a réveillé à trois heures et demie et après avoir pris, de très bonne heure, le petit déjeuner, nous nous sommes dirigés vers la gare de Troyes. Nous étions sept; Monsieur et Madame Gatineau, Claude, Daniel, deux amis, et moi. Nous avons pris l'express qui vient de Belfort et avons quitté la gare vers cinq heures moins vingt. A sept heures moins le quart, nous sommes arrivés à la gare de l'Est. Comme les trains français roulent vite! Pour la première fois, j'allais voir Paris.

Nous avons visité un café tout d'abord pour avoir un peu de réconfort. Après cela, nous nous sommes dirigés au Sacré-Cœur. Le soleil brillait sur le monument d'un blanc cru. A l'intérieur nous avons vu les belles sculptures de cette église moderne. De la colline nous avons eu une vue superbe de toute la ville. Nous sommes restés là une demi-heure et avons pris de nombreuses photographies. Puis nous nous sommes allés à pied jusqu'à la station de métro la plus proche. Après avoir payé nos billets, nous avons pris la direction des Invalides. Peu d'Anglais visitent ce monument qui est à mon avis, un des plus beaux de Paris.

A l'intérieur nous avons vu le tombeau de Napoléon, qui se trouve dans un sorte de crypte ouverte. Tout autour il y a d'autres tombeaux des Français fameux y inclus le maréchal Foch. C'était tout très beau.

D'ici nous nous sommes rendus à la Tour Eiffel. Ce monument magnifique fut commencé en 1887 et finis en 1889, et il a 300 mètres d'hauteur. La première plate-forme est à 57 mètres, et la deuxième à 115 mètres, et la troisième à 280 mètres. Les escaliers comportent 1710 marches. Nous avons monté l'escalier qui conduit à la première plate-forme. Au soleil la Seine scintillait et nous avons eu sur Paris, une vue magnifique. J'ai beaucoup admiré le bâtiment des Nations-Unies qui se trouve en face de la Tour.

Après avoir déjeuné à l'ombre dans un restaurant des boulevards, nous sommes allés voir l'Arc de Triomphe de l'Etoile. Nous y avons vu le tombeau du soldat inconnu et il y avait beaucoup des touristes américains là. Nous avons parcouru l'Avenue des Champs-Élysées jusqu'à ce que nous sommes arrivés à Notre Dame. L'extérieur de la cathédrale est vieux et très beau, mais l'intérieur est sombre. Le trésor est fort intéressante. Ensuite nous avons vu la Madeleine et l'Opéra.

Maintenant j'ai vu un peu de Paris mais j'ai l'intention de revenir car je désire voir les autres monuments moins importants. C'est pourquoi j'ai dit à Paris, non pas «adieu» mais seulement «au revoir».

Je te serre cordialement la main,

BARRY GARNER.

Any Offers?

Some chaps pretend they think it's bliss
To make up poems just like this,
But I myself would rather be
'Neath the spreading chetnut tree.

If only Walter De La Mare
Was sitting in this other chair,
I'm sure that he would quickly find
The words that now elude my mind.

But he, alas! is far away
And I must finish this today,
So now you chaps who think its bliss
Just come along and finish this.

A. WEST, IIIA

Rescue at Sea

The wind was howling, the ship did creak,
The starboard bow had sprung a leak,
The mizzen mast broke at the base
And we with death were face to face.

Heavy waves o'er the decks did smash
While the thunder rolled with a fearful crash,
The captain ordered "Abandon ship!"
We launched the boat, a prayer on our lip.

All through the night we kept afloat
Fourteen of us in an open boat;
We were found at dawn by a passing plane,
And soon at last we were safe again.

R. J. SMITH, IIIB

Lyric

Could I for once your face but see,
 And witness with my eyes, my hands, my lips,
 All that which now I do behold
 But in a dream-day phantasy;
 Would that bring back the sunshine to my heart,
 That oft' for thee alone has pined?
 Ah no! the smile no longer is,
 And that which did my love impart
 Is chill'd to death; alas, 'tis hard
 And cold. For the earth is barren and bare;
 The leaves are fall'n, the trees are dead;
 The oaks do spread black fingers to the sky,
 That once the green of youth did wear.
 The rose that red within your warmth did glow,
 Lies pale and wither'd underneath the snow.

B. MATHIAS, U.VI

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD

ACROSS—1. Organ; 5. Rascal; 10. Veal; 12. Span; 14. Astonishingly; 17. Tee; 18. Seen; 19. Lot; 20. His; 21. Then; 22. High; 23. Ores; 24. Rung; 25. Supper; 27. Dirges; 28. True; 29. Rest; 30. Bias; 31. Mole; 32. The; 33. Rot; 34. Fate; 35. Fee; 36. International; 39. Loon; 40. Rode; 41. Bengal; 42. Terse.

DOWN—1. Ova; 2. Restitution; 3. Gates; 4. Aloe; 6. Ashen; 7. Spin; 8. Can; 9. Angling; 11. Fisher; 13. Myth; 15. Sees; 16. Loggerheads; 21. Tree; 22. Hurt; 23. Opus; 24. Rise; 26. Prattle; 27. Delete; 29. Rota; 30. Brim; 31. Manna; 32. Tenor; 34. Frog; 35. Fore; 37. Eon; 38. Lee.